



IS FOR FREE SILVER

Ex-Gov. Hogg Grants an Interview.

HIS OPINION UNCHANGED

Has Now and Always Been Strongly in Favor of Free Coinage of Silver.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 20.—The news paper boys down here have made an attempt at a very bold attempt at obtaining an interview with "the private citizen," James Stephen Hogg. Of course it was the silver question they wanted the always interesting and corpulent ex-governor to talk on. But when these energetic journalistic representatives fired in their questions Colonel Hogg's mind was far from the silver subject. The fact is I believe his liver was out of order, and he is not to be blamed if he didn't send the boys away in a happy mood.

Colonel Hogg's liver was working all right this morning and he favored me with an interview. I found him under one of the electric fans in the first room after the steps as ascended leading to the firm's suite of rooms.

"By gattins, young man, this weather reminds me of the days when I was running for governor. It was hot enough in those times to turn a man's cuticle all kinds of colors and I had blamed it the thermometer wouldn't just about that high today if we had a little state politics mixed up with the weather," the ex-governor informed me, as I took a seat close to him.

"Well, governor, what about an interview today?" I asked. "Interview? Why, young man I'm practicing law," was the reply first given me.

"But, governor," I continued, "I want an expression from you on a question that the people desire to hear from you on."

"Well, by gattins, I'd like to know what it is?" he said, and then I told him the silver question.

"Well, if that's it, you can just tell them young man, that I am now, as I have always been, in the unaltered free coinage of both silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States independent of all other governments."

"Now listen, young man, and I'll tell you something for your paper. The Federal government owes over \$700,000,000 in bonds that will fall due in less than twelve years. They are payable in coin, meaning silver and gold at the statutory ratio of 16 to 1. They can be legally paid in the present so-called cheap, dishonest fifty-cent silver dollars without violating the letter, the spirit or intent of the contract. Got that down?"

"The question is, will the government do it? She cannot by the sale of bonds to English syndicates even keep one-seventh enough gold in the treasury to settle these obligations, but she always has over \$500,000,000 of silver on hand which, without much trouble, can be used for this purpose. It is true that the outstanding treasury silver purchase notes and other kinds of currency are demands against this silver, but when they are presented for redemption the secretary of the treasury pays them off in gold and proceeds to apologize to the public for it. If these bonds were payable in coin skins I should favor sticking to the contract. Let the government set a good example by paying them off in the kind of money it agreed to and the people will not complain. All this theoretical discussion of ratio, parity, honest money, double standard bi-metalism, fiatism, international regulation and other comparison terms is to obscure this sale question, which now should be settled.

"Shall the government pay her bond debt according to contract? And I want emphasis put on this question, young man. Cautious, sensible bankers and business men make preparation to meet their maturity. The United States government is not doing this, but through the authorities at Washington, it is trying to obscure the question, and they are concentrating all their great powers in the one effort to change the kind of money in which these bonds may be paid. In this they are committing a sin against the people—the tax payers, and for one, I am against them in the crime.

"Did I understand you to say, governor, that these bonds are payable in 'coin,' or silver and gold at 16 to 1?" I here inquired.

"That's exactly what I stated," the governor replied, and then he continued, "I say this because the act under which they were issued expressly declares that they are payable in coin, of the weight and fineness then in use as money. And for the further reason that the bonds on their face substantially so state. And again, because of the following resolution, adopted by congress on the 28th January, 1878:

"Resolved, that all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued under the said acts of congress heretofore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States containing 412 1-2 grains each of standard silver, and to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

"For reference, young man, just tell 'em look at the Congressional Record, 55 congress, second session, volume 7, part 1, page 927." Then the governor continued: "Keep sight of the question, 'Will the United States pay these bonds according to contract?' Here's what I say, young man: If the agreement was to pay them in gold, no self respecting American citizen would oppose it. Now, why is it that all of a sudden pay day is approaching this new class of political philosophers is trying to teach the people that it is dishonest to pay according to contract? "If the United States owned all the silver coin and bullion within the government, the amount would be nearly \$200,000,000 less than is necessary to pay off these bonds. Let us be practical and first pay the bond debt and then settle the scientific question of 'standard,' 'parity,' 'ratio,' and 'bimetalism.' Here the governor stopped, and I asked him if he proposed taking part in the campaign."

"Not any more than may be absolutely necessary," he said, and then he added: "I am practicing law for a living, and will not be able to devote much time to politics, but shall never have any hesitation in defining my position on any public political question. Put it down, young man, that I am in favor of paying all debts according to contract, including the United States bonds and am a 16 to 1er from the standpoint of American independence, from a sense of common honesty, from considerations of sound public policy."

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This expression will leave no doubt in the minds of some of the editors of the state as to how ex-Gov. Hogg stands on the silver question. Some of the dailies have rather charged that he was preparing to make a "straddle." But the ex-governor is, as he says, no hedger—"he's a whole Hog or none." A. G. D.

USES FOR PETROLEUM.

Mineral Oil in the Domestic Laundry and Kitchen.

Every day the virtues of mineral oil become more widely known, until there seems to be really no limit to the services one may eventually expect from it. The Southern negroes, before the advent of patent medicines upon the plantations, had a reckless fashion of administering kerosene internally as a remedy for every variety of complaint, from the vaguely general disease known as "vagsery" to such defined distresses as toothache, and invariably declared themselves the better for the noxious dose. Later, as so many valuable medicines have been extracted from petroleum that one is free to suppose that the negro got the benefit of the whole of them, and some one was sure to reach each particular complaint.

But it is the household that the uses of the oil has been most recently discovered, and here its value is most actively appreciated. Its special characteristic is that of a cleansing agent, and there really seems to be no object of domestic service that is not benefited by the application.

It has, for example, robbed window washing of all its terrors, and, under its mild and oleaginous regime, the long procession of pails, brushes, cloths, papers and chaotic skins which followed the household about all through window cleaning day, have vanished, never to return. Now, all she considers necessary is a cloth, small basin of warm water, a cup half full of kerosene and one clean chammois. She takes her small hair brush and cleans away all dust from about the window ledges. The cloth is dipped into the water and wrung out nearly dry. About a teaspoonful of the oil is poured upon it, and with this the pane is rubbed clear and translucent almost by a turn of the wrist. The chammois is used as a polish, and not a single cloud or smear—such as in the old days the maid was constantly being reprimanded for—marks the glistening surface of the glass. Moreover, windows washed by the new kerosene method retain their brilliancy and cleanliness nearly twice as long.

Mirrors have given up their cantankerousness under the same treatment. The old soap and water process meant endless polishing, and even then only the most skillful and diligent maid ever succeeded in leaving a surface which showed no dimness from whatever part of the room it was regarded, while since the reign of kerosene anyone can clean a mirror, and clean it perfectly, and the same method applies quite as well to the glass over pictures.

Tins in the kitchen feel the magic mineral oil, and where long scouring was necessary to keep them bright and shining in the past, to-day the tin to date cook dips her flannel cloth in kerosene, then into powdered lime or common whiting, and with these scourers her tins into a likeness of the kerosene cleaned mirrors, and all with one half the labor. Of course they want a thorough rinsing in hot suds afterwards to free them of all odor, but the real toil of scouring is what she dreads and not the quick and easy rinsing.

If she has an oil-cloth on her floor she adds a gill of kerosene to her scouring water, dips a mop in the pail, passes it quickly over the painted surface dries it with a flannel cloth and with this slight effort leaves it bright and polished almost as new, and an oil-cloth treated in this manner will outlast one scrubbed up in the old way, twice over. Many a housekeeper's heart has gone nigh to breaking in despair over painted floor and balconies which showed every foot mark, and were only made dingy and dismal by all efforts to wash them out. A flannel cloth, wrung out in cold water and well sprinkled with kerosene makes a painted floor almost as easy to keep as one of the costly hard woods, and the odor of the cleansing will pass completely away in half an hour. On balconies, indeed, or where the windows of the room are left open during the process the smell evaporates so quickly as not to be noticed at all.

Perhaps, however, the most valuable quality yet discovered in kerosene as a household agent is its power of cleansing soiled clothes. A bar of soap should be shaved up into a quart of warm water, and allowed to stand until it has quite melted. Into this stir one tablespoonful of kerosene oil, and set aside. Take the most soiled of the white clothes—colored ones are not benefited by this process—lay them in soak with just enough water to cover them. Soap them well with the soft soap in which the kerosene oil has been mixed. Leave them overnight. In the morning add more hot water and sub them out—they will require very little of this, no matter how solid they may have been—and they can then be rinsed in clear water, starched and bleached and hung out to dry. They will not retain the slightest odor of the oil, and will be especially white and clear, and that with the very minimum of hard work. It seems, indeed, as if this mineral grease was an excellent substitute for the far-famed elbow grease, which heretofore has been absolutely essential to cleanliness.

These are but a few of the many uses to which kerosene is being daily put in the household, as every day experiment proves its value in some new direction.—Baltimore American.

BALTIMORE'S BIG TUNNEL.

Baltimore, Md., 1.—The Belt Line railroad tunnel, one of the most remarkable engineering feats of modern times, which has been built under this city from Camden Station to Bay View Junction, on the Philadelphia division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad a distance of seven and a half miles, was formally opened for business this morning. The first to make the trip under the new schedule was the Royal Blue express No. 514. Hereafter there will be no transferring of passenger trains across the Patapsco river. It was intended to have the electrical equipment of the tunnel completed in time for the inaugural train but the three locomotives have not yet arrived. Coke burning locomotives will be used to propel trains for the present. By the use of electric locomotives, which weigh ninety-five tons each, which will probably be in readiness by June 1st, the tunnel can be kept free from smoke and brilliantly lighted. The conveyance of the current to the electric locomotives of such great power has never before been attempted or even approached and much interest, therefore attaches to this part of the plant. In addition to doing away with inconvenience and consequent loss of time in making transfers by steamer at Canton the Belt line provides other facilities for which the Baltimore and Ohio

company has greatly felt in need and will figure largely in reducing their annual expenses. There will also be great saving of time in passenger trains schedules between Washington, Philadelphia and New York. The Baltimore and Ohio summer schedule, which will go into effect May 12th, will undertake to run Royal Blue trains between New York and Washington in five and half hours; between Philadelphia and Washington in two and half hours.

The tunnel has been in the course of construction nearly five years and cost \$8,000,000.

The Situation in Kentucky.

There is little to be added to what the Courier-Journal said yesterday regarding the results of the county and district conventions to select delegates to the Democratic State convention.

The first and most important thing settled by these conventions is that there will be no free silver plank in the platform of the Kentucky Democracy. The Courier-Journal considered this settled by the Winchester convention, as it had been foreshadowed by the Owensboro convention. The small minority of the delegates to the State convention instructed for free silver and the large number either uninstructed for sound money leave no room for the silver extremists to hope that they can control the convention.

The Courier-Journal regards this as most significant of the fate of the free silver movement in the United States. We have all along attributed that movement mainly to lack of information among the people concerning the question. Six months ago in Kentucky the public indications were that the State was in command of the silverites. So strong were these indications that candidates hastened to make free silver the chief issue in their campaigns for office, believing that to identify themselves with that issue was the surest way to win with the least effort of their own.

But the issue was met by part of the Democratic press, which began a vigorous campaign of education that enlisted finally the ablest of the Democratic leaders on the stump. The result is that to-day the silver craze in Kentucky is going the way the greenback craze went, and it is going in the nation when the people come to understand it.

The second thing settled by Monday's conventions is that neither Clay nor Hardin has his fight for the nomination won. The instructed vote of either is far short of the number necessary to nominate. Let us hope that in the large body of uninstructed delegates there will be such wisdom, conservatism and fidelity to the interests of the party as to insure a ticket, as well as a platform, that will save the democracy from defeat and the State from falling into the hands of the republicans.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

GRAPELAND.

ED. COURIER.—It has rained until the grass just now is holding the farmer with a lively tussle.

There is bound to be a short crop all around except fruit, potatoes and peas, which latter flourish whether or not.

The work on the Christian church began last week and is progressing rapidly.

A fine bell was received for the Methodist church last week. It has been put up and arouses the sleeping natives for miles around, calling them to worship, now on every Sunday morning.

The Grapeland mine were organized here to-day and began practice. Result: One leg, belonging to Mr. Zack Hermon, pretty badly hurt by the ball. This way of trying to stop a base ball with your leg or face isn't in the game but it hurts all the same.

Mr. Chas. H. Beasley returned from the Pan Handle last week. He reports wheat and oat crops a failure there.

Mr. T. H. Danley, of Forney, Texas, was in town this week. He had been to see his mother, Mrs. Keen, while sick.

been prematurely called to her sick mother. Mr. Frank Stevens is in town visiting his father.

KEYSTONE.

AUGUSTA.

ED. COURIER.—It has at last let up raining and everybody will be busy for a while fighting the grass which had nearly succeeded in gaining full possession of the cotton crop. Corn crops are near an average in our section will have corn to sell. Cotton looks fairly well, considering such adverse seasons, though the crop will be small unless a great change for the better takes place.

The base ball game here on the 18th was a failure, as the boys were rained out. Only one inning had been played and the home team had just gone to the bat when a hard rain came down and the umpire called time. It continued for nearly an hour and the grounds were entirely too wet to play afterwards. Score 1 to 0 in favor of Augusta.

Mrs. Tins, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Elliott, returned home to-day.

Misses Virgie Gaddy and Clara Rife are visiting friends in the city.

Everybody seems to be enjoying splendid health and the Doctors are having a vacation.

Rev. W. E. Hatchell preached for us yesterday he was enroute to Garrison to attend a debate between Rev. Hall, a Baptist preacher and Rev. Ditzler, a Methodist, a grand time is expected as both are prominent men.

Still we have no talk of politics only now and then somebody gets a new idea as to the silver question. It will be a close vote in this section should it ever be made an issue; the silverites possibly a little ahead.

THE GREELEY COLONY.

A Happy People and a High Standard of Public Morals.

The Greeley colony was composed of the best elements of eastern citizenship and the first and most important lesson it teaches is that people of this class are responsive to such a call as Mr. Meeker put forth. He did not appeal to the instinct of speculation. He pleaded for new institutions, and aimed at high ideals; and he found that men of culture and of means were ready to cooperate heartily in such an undertaking. The first few weeks of the colony were spent in the selection of those who were to be the nucleus of the colony. The Greeley colony, writes W. G. Smythe in Century, was not well chosen—or, at least, it did not in all respects meet the expectations of those who selected it. They were therefore unable to realize all their plans. They made some serious miscalculations. For instance, they estimated the cost of their colony at twenty thousand dollars, while the actual cost was more than twenty times as great. Fruit-culture was mentioned in the prospectus as certain to be an important industry, but the soil and climate proved unsuitable. The dream of an improved household economy, based on a plan for cooperative laundries and dairies, also proved delusive. There were other disappointments; but the fundamental claims of irrigation were all vindicated at Greeley, as they have been wherever and whenever brought fairly to the test.

A few years of intelligent labor brought a high degree of average prosperity, based upon substantial foundations. Even the severe panic of the summer of 1893 did not materially disturb these foundations. During those years the colony has been a model of industry and thrift. The colony has been a model of industry and thrift. The colony has been a model of industry and thrift.

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In a Woman's Stomach. In 1892 a woman died at Albany, N. Y., who had for a number of years been possessed with an uncontrollable desire to swallow all sorts of indigestible substances. A record kept by the physician who performed the autopsy gives the following as a list of the articles found in her stomach: Fifty-one hairpins, sixteen needles, three darning needles, thirty-two nails of all sizes, two screws, three pieces of an iron rod three inches long and one-fourth of an inch thick, two rolls of hair, two pieces of wood and three pieces of cloth, each of the latter being about five inches long and one inch wide.

A CURE FOR IDIOCY.

It Remains to Be Seen How Successful It Will Be.

A cure for idiosyncrasy is one of the latest achievements of surgical science, which has taken so many grand strides of late years that it may be almost termed one of the wonders of the century. Experiments were made on the skulls of two children, who had been idiotic from birth, and the latest accounts are that they are not only surviving the shock of the operation, but are giving promise of a recovery of the mental faculties. It would be more correct to say, says the Washington Star, that they are gaining those faculties, for the skull of the child, at the top of the head where the "fontanelle" or "soft spot" is usually located. In the case now under observation, these spots had become hardened at birth, and thus the expansion and development of the brain had been arrested. The operation was, therefore, to make a new or artificial fontanelle. Great care had to be exercised, of course, to avoid injuring the brain, and there lay the main difficulty of the operation. The scalp is drawn anew over the aperture in the skull thus made, and the little brain is left to cure itself. The children thus operated on are two years old. It is, of course, a question just when the patients should be subjected to the experiment, and the age of two years has been chosen as the starting point. It has been considered probable that at this age the child, if it should recover its health and gain intelligence, will be scarcely behind other children of its own age a dozen years later. By that time assisted nature would have caught up with itself, as it were. There may be some question as to whether it is right for surgeons to experiment in this way upon helpless children by performing operations which may cause death. Yet there will probably be no general outcry against such an effort. In some sense death is preferable to life-long idiocy. Parents would be likely to object to the experiment upon their own unfortunate offspring if conducted with the care which should attend all such dangerous proceedings.

His War.

We all know the story of that bright boy who answered correctly when asked how many legs a fly has, but who had been enabled to do it only by catching an insect and counting. The Philadelphia Record gives a parallel instance: A teacher recently told her scholars to mark on their slates the Roman numerals from one to twelve. In about five minutes one of the boys held up his hand signifying that he had accomplished the work. "Why, Johnny," said the teacher, "how you must have hurried! None of the other scholars are half done. Now tell us where you came to finish so quickly." "I copied them from the clock on the wall up there," replied Jimmy, with great glee.

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Mrs. Bettie Smith is sick with flux.

The frequent rains are impeding brick making.

See the Houston County Lumber Co's, ad in this weeks issue.

Take your Beeswax to Bill McConnell, he pays money for it.

Miss Virgie Gaddy is visiting friends at Augusta.

For anything in the jewelry line call on Spinks & Bricker.

There was a wagon load of muskmelons on the streets Saturday.

Mens summer undershirts 15, 20 and 26c at Bill McConnell.

Read the Houston County Lumber Co's, locals in this weeks issue.

Dr. Elliott, of Augusta paid the Courier a pleasant call Monday.

Ladies like summer vests now selling for 5c at Bill McConnell's.

J. E. Downes has fruit jars and extra bands and rubbers for same.

Read the Houston County Lumber Co's, locals in this weeks issue.

The corn crop seems to be pretty well made, and is considered a good one.

F. G. Edmiston, Jr., is able to be up and about after a two weeks spell of fever.

Jack Christian has commenced the repairing of streets according to contract with the city.

3 spools of Merrick's Best 6 cord Machine Twist thread for 10c at Bill McConnell's.

In many instances the public roads are washed out almost beyond repair.

Miss Hattie Stokes is spending a few weeks with her brother, R. C. Stokes, at Trinity.

The Houston County Lumber Co, have the largest line of glass ever brought to Crockett.

A few more days and the watermelon market will open up, then the small boy and negro will smile.

Colored teachers selected at last meeting of city council were J. W. Williams, Alec Turner and Jennie Holly.

The Houston County Lumber Co, have a splendidly assorted stock of fancy turned Poplar Bored porch columns.

Monk Bros, have got part of their machinery in order and the hum of the planer can be heard everyday.

A Complete Line of Coffins, Caskets and Furniture at prices to meet competition. SHIVERS BROS.

There is some agitation over the proposed local option election. The sentiment in favor of it seems to be rather weak.

If you want your fine watch or clock repaired in first-class order and on short notice carry it to Spinks & Bricker.

Finish your rooms with moulded base and casing. Corner, Head and Plyth Blocks and Rosetts are to be had in assorted designs at the ware rooms of the Houston County Lumber Company.

Mr. J. W. Martin, a very old gentleman, happened to a serious accident on Friday last by falling from the gallery of the Stables hotel.

LATER—Mr. Martin died Tuesday night from effect of injuries received from the fall.

Some time ago I was taken sick with a cramp in the stomach, followed by diarrhoea. I took a couple of doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was immediately relieved. I consider it the best medicine in the market for all such complaints. I have sold the remedy to others and every one who uses it speaks highly of it. J. W. STRICKLER, Valley Center, Cal. For sale by Frank Chamberlain.

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RED ROSIN SIZED SHEETING. Wool Densening Felt, the best and cheapest non-conductor for deadening of sound, insulation of heat, etc.

Remember I have connected with my business, GRAIN, HAY, BRAN, etc. So call before you buy and save money.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Fresh hand made candy at Haring's Drug Store.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy is over at Nacogdoches this week.

See the Houston County Lumber Co's, ad in this weeks issue.

Mrs. F. C. Long, after a serious illness of several weeks, is convalescent.

A bran new corn mill, enquire at Palestine national bank, Palestine Texas.

J. E. Downes wants to close out a lot of saddles the best Texas make.

There is scarcely a family in the town which hasn't sickness of some kind in it.

Car loads of potatoes are being shipped out of the patches around Crockett this summer.

Miss Minnie Bruner will resume teaching music in September and kindly solicits patronage.

Bill McConnell's 4c calico don't fade and is just the thing for shirt waists and children's dresses.

John Murchison has been very sick all this week from an attack of congestion of the liver.

We would like to publish the news from all parts of county but can't do it unless our friends will send it in.

The Houston County Lumber Co, have received a big invoice of Sash, Doors, Blinds and White Cork Pine mouldings.

Mrs. C. I. Keen, who has been an invalid for the past three years, died at her home at Daly's, Tex., on Saturday last.

I. B. Lansford has the contract to build Jno. Monk's two thousand dollar residence. He commenced work on it last week.

W. V. Berry has added much to the looks of the Pick-Wick Hotel by putting a new floor in the office and repainting the outside walls.

If you want a two dollar and ninety nine cent watch don't send for it, but go to Spinks & Bricker and you will get value received.

Crockett and Houston county are enjoying a gradual and permanent improvement. Not a mushroom boom but a permanent growth.

The wedding next week promise to be a brilliant social event. There will be, we understand, quite a number in attendance from abroad.

The Houston County Lumber Co, have always on hand a good assortment of the latest designs of fancy turned and sawed Balusters and Corner Beads.

Go to the Houston County Lumber company for Screen Doors in all regular size. The fixtures, consisting of Springs, Hinges, Hooks and porcelain pulls go with them. Cheap.

The plague of flies some weeks ago, which was supposed to be due to stock pens in the vicinity and to the free use of cotton and feed stuff in cow pens around town is abating to some extent.

Trade is now stagnating chiefly for lack of roads. The country stores that got in their supplies before the water began to use the road beds to travel in are doing a thriving business at fancy prices.

The city council contemplates bonding for a thorough general and scientific grading and culverting of the streets, abandoning the perishable wooden culverts. The majority of the aldermen favor the plan.

News was received here last week of the killing of Wm. Lester by Walter Crow and his brother near Apple Springs, Trinity county. The difficulty, is supposed to be the result of a feud over the distribution of some property.

Having used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family and found it to be a first-class article, I take pleasure in recommending it to my friends. J. V. FOSTER, Westport, Cal. For sale by Frank Chamberlain.

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# Smith & French,

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINE'S, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISH, GLASS, LAMP CHIMNEYS, SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY, PERFUMES, TOILET ARTICLES, COMBS, BRUSHES, ARTIST'S PAINTS.

## Smith & French.

The cotton crop in this county will be cut short at least 25 per cent, on account of the continued and heavy rains.

An effort will be made to put a higher grade in the public school next year which shall depend upon private support.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on next Wednesday of Miss Mary Nunn to Dr. J. H. Earp of Corsicana.

An effort is being made to get a telegraph office in a place that will be more convenient to business men than that at the depot.

W. M. Tolman, of Austin, brother of our fellow townsman, J. C. Tolman, is here in connection with the Electric Light Company.

John H. Stuart, for many years a citizen of this place and highly esteemed as such, died on the 20th inst. at the home of his nephew, Geo. Stuart, near Abingdon V. A.

If the health officer would make a circuit around town we think he could make some valuable suggestions to the city council in regard to the sanitary condition of the city.

People who want to bind their political biases and prejudices with their social affairs and religious creeds are overgrown fools for want of the first principles of common sense.

The Commissioners' Court have ordered the County Judge to advertise for sealed bids to build a brick culvert across the branch on the street between town and passenger depot.

Sheriff Waller arrested one Will Lee on charge of stealing a horse from a Negro in Trinity county last week. There is a case to the District court of this county against Lee for horse theft.

The Electric Light Company has built a room adjoining the oil mill for their office and machinery. They have begun to put the wires into the business houses about town and have received several carloads of poles which they will put up at once and begin to stretch the wire over the streets.

The county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalizers for the past two weeks, made two hundred and thirty-nine raises, and will meet again on July 9th to finally pass on same. Those who think the raise on their property unjust are requested to appear and give reason for so thinking.

Dr. W. A. Downes is at home from New York, where for several terms he has been prosecuting his studies. He graduated a few days since with high honors being second in the class from the New York school of Physicians and Surgeons. He will probably locate in some large city in the east.

Houston county is one of the finest fruit growing counties in the state, and the farming class would find it to their interest if they would pay more attention to this industry. If a sufficient amount of fruit was raised in the county to justify it there would be a canning factory established at Crockett with sufficient capacity to can all the fruit raised. The home market would consume nearly all the fruit canned and a ready market could be had for the surplus.

The Commissioners' Court after a lengthy session adjourned last week. They raised the valuation of quite a number of our citizens. They seem to have overlooked the fact that the legislature increased the tax-vote nearly 20 cents on the \$1 which of itself is a sufficient burden without their increasing it still more by placing valuations higher than they were last year. Hereafter there has been no appeal from the judgments of this court in matters of this kind but now fortunately a remedy is provided by law in an appeal to the District court. Citizens who have made an honest rendition of their property will not hesitate to avail themselves of such relief.

**Bucklen's Arnick Salve.** THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

**Ballard's Snow Liment.** This Liment is different in composition from any other liment on the market. It is a scientific discovery which results in it being the most penetrating Liment ever known. There are numerous white imitations, which may be recommended because they pay the seller a greater profit. Beware of these and demand Ballard's Snow Liment. It positively cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Wounds, Cuts, Scalds and Inflammatory Rheumatism, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet, Contracted Muscles, Stiff Joints, Old Sores, Pain in Back, Ear, Wire Cuts, Sore Chest or Throat, and is especially beneficial in Paralysis. Sold by J. G. Haring.

**Notice.** Taken up by J. P. Fannin on White Rock creek, 10 miles east of Crockett and estrayed before C. W. Ellis, J. P. on the 4th day of May 1895, the following animal: One brown mare, no brand, left hind foot white, about 14 hands high, about 3 years old and appraised at \$15 dollars.

Given under my hand and seal of office this May 13th 1895. N. E. ALLEBRIGHT, Co. Clerk. By JOHN SPENCE, Deputy.

**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.

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

**H. J. CUNYUS' DENTAL OFFICE** in OPERA HOUSE BUILDING, BRIDGE and CROWN work a specialty and all work GUARANTEED. Permanently located.

We have lots of goods to close out at a very low price before we get in our new building. Come to see us.

**RACKETT STORE.**

**THE HOUSTON COUNTY LUMBER CO.,** (INCORPORATED.) **CROCKETT, TEXAS.** DEALERS IN—

All Kinds of Building Material, INCLUDING—

Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Glass, Paints, Oil, Lead, Varnishes, Colors, Etc.

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Office, Yards and Ware-Rooms on Main Street between Public Square and Passenger Depot.

**J. B. STEVENS, Manager.**

**LUMBER AND SHINGLES.** I have and will always keep on hand a first-class supply of all kinds of ROUGH, DRESSED and MATCHED LUMBER at prices to suit the times.

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J. H. RATCLIFF, Ratcliff, P. O. Houston County.

**Old People.** Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of its functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

**Saddle and Harness Shop.** I have opened a SADDLE and HARNESS SHOP two doors west of the Post Office.

A full and First-Class Line of Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Halters, Collars and all leather goods carried by a First-Class Establishment. Will do all kinds of repair work. Call and see me.

J. T. DAWES.

**MONK BROTHERS. SAW MILL.** Our mill is six miles east of town. Rough Lumber at Mill \$5.00 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.

**A Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.** WESTMINSTER, Cal., March 21, 1894.—Some time ago, on awakening one morning, I found that I had rheumatism in my knee so badly that, as I remarked to my wife, it would be impossible for me to attend to business that day. Remembering that I had some of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my store I sent for a bottle and rubbed the afflicted parts thoroughly with it according to directions, and within an hour I was completely relieved. One application had done the business. It is the best liment on the market, and I sell it under a positive guarantee. R. T. HARRIS. For sale by Frank Chamberlain.

**Notice to Creditors.** Whereas, letters of administration upon the estate of Nancy Wilson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the district court of Houston county, on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1895, all persons holding claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law.

My residence and address are at Augusta, Houston county, Tex. GEO. B. CUTLER.

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**New Livery Stable.**

When you want a first-class rig of any kind, hack, buggy, saddle-horse, try the new stable. Everything new and first-class. Horses fed and groomed. Our charges are reasonable on everything. Try us. Stable west of Square.

COOK & MATHEWS.

**Meeting.**

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Houston County Immigration and Development Society will be held the first Monday in July at the office of the Corresponding Secretary. All members are requested to attend.

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Very Respectfully,  
**S. H. OWENS.**  
Assisted by W. H. KENT.

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**Two Lives Saved.** Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill, was told by her doctors she had Consumption and there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

**CLEARING SALE!** Our entire stock of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS. In every department we offer without reserve at such prices as will insure quick sale balance of our stock of Spring and Summer Goods including Millinery, Dress Goods, etc., and other lines that have been bought under value before the late advances. In view of general higher prices, The Prices are such as will make this sale one of more than ordinary interest. This sale will last until the close of the season. Come one, Come all and take advantage of our unparalleled offers.

**SPECIAL.**—We have just received a shipment of Mason's Fruit Jars at prices that defy competition.

Consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies Dress Goods of the latest and most stylish patterns, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, in short **EVERYTHING** carried in a FIRST-CLASS STOCK.

I have also a fine lot of hardware, Crockery, Trunks, Cooking Stoves, Cane Mills, Cultivators, in fact everything that a **Farmer Needs.**

Remember that you can get from me anything and everything you need at absolutely **LOW PRICES.** YOURS TRULY, **J. W. HAIL.**

**In Poor Health** means so much more than you imagine—serious and fatal diseases result from trifling ailments neglected. Don't play with Nature's greatest gift—health.

**Brown's Iron Bitters** If you are feeling out of sorts, weak and generally exhausted, nervous, have no appetite and can't work, begin at once taking the most reliable strengthening medicine which is Brown's Iron Bitters. A few bottles cure—benefit comes from the very first dose—of most ailments, and it's pleasant to take.

**It Cures** Dyspepsia, Kidney and Liver Troubles, Constipation, Bad Blood, Malaria, Nervous ailments, Women's complaints.

Get only the genuine—it has crossed red lines on the wrapper. All others are imitations. On receipt of two-cent stamps we will send you our Free Trial Bottle of the Purest and Best of the World's Fair Views and Book-lets. BROWN CHEMICAL CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

For sale by Smith & French, Crockett. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Crockett.

**DOWN TO BED ROCK FIGURES.**

I am resolved to meet all competitive prices for goods for cash and only ask you to call and satisfy yourself that **I Mean What I Say.**

I can afford to sell goods cheaper for Cash than any strictly cash house and am determined to do it.

I have on hand and arriving a large stock of goods bought for CASH at the **Lowest Possible Figures.**

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# LESSON FROM MEXICO.

## The Condition of the Laboring Classes in the Montezuma Republic.

### INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

The Laborer is Paid in Silver, But Must Buy on a Gold Basis—Watching the United States.

City of Mexico, June 20.—(Special Correspondence.)—The free and unlimited coinage of silver in Mexico has a more direct influence upon the laboring classes of this country than is at first apparent to the American visiting the tropical republic. The silver advocates, both here and in the States, give it out and it is generally accepted that the laboring element here is made up solely of unskilled labor—that there is no such thing as high class workmen in the republic of Mexico. This is false, as the thousand palatial dwellings, factories and business houses stand in proof. There is a vast deal of skilled labor here, as skilled as can be found in the States, and it is this very class which suffers more than any other. The poor has inherited his impoverished state, and does not miss better wages, because he has never had them. In their ignorance they are nevertheless to be pitied, for their condition is the result of the legislation of those whose duty it was and still is to protect them from the men who employ them.

The condition of the poor and the peasant has passed into an axiom, and Mexico does not possess the power at present to help it unless government should go upon a gold basis, a thing which the officials say is at present impossible. The fact that the condition of affairs here is helpless does not prevent it standing out as an object lesson to the laboring classes in the United States. The miserable condition of the poor is undoubtedly partially due to the free coinage of silver, but even if the argument of Senator Romero at Washington—that the condition of labor here is the result of a surplus of labor in the market—is sound as far as the lowest class is concerned, it can but weaken his general argument, for the condition of skilled labor is just as unfortunate, and he admits the scarcity of skilled labor in the republic.

It is this latter class which is especially deserving of notice, for it can be measured by the same class in the United States. There is no class in the States which can be compared to the peons here, but in all probability there would be should the government ever throw open its mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Their wages would never go as low as 12 1/2 to 25 cents a day, but what they would get would buy no more than the silver of Mexico does at the present time, when it comes in contact with the markets of the world.

The smelting business here is an immense industry, and the smelters are as good as those employed in the United States. In Omaha the average wages of the smelters is \$2.75 to \$3 a day. The same men who pay these laborers that amount operate similar works in Monterey, in this republic, and pay their Mexican laborers 75 cents in Mexican silver. Measured from the Mexican standard, they pay from \$5 to \$6 a day to their Omaha men and 75 cents to their men in Mexico.

It is accurately estimated that the high grade laborer here gets one-seventh of what the same grade of labor commands in the United States. These are facts—indisputable—which every miner, smelter, stoker, tender and tapper should remember. As one descends the scale the wages get poorer. For instance, sheep herders, who are regarded as good class laborers, only get \$6 a month and one bushel of corn. Bricklayers only get 40 cents a day. It must be constantly kept in mind, too, that all wages are computed on the silver basis, which must be divided by two when its purchasing power is considered. The clerk in the store who draws monthly \$35 or \$50 thinks himself prosperous. The most expert seamstress gets only 35 cents a day, and must bring her own dinner if she goes out by the day. The best waiters in the hotels and restaurants can command \$10 a month and find themselves. Cooks get about \$10 a month, but house girls and men servants get from \$3 to \$6 a month. Spinners, yarners, dyers and others in factories average from 15 to 50 cents a day. Rents in every part of the republic are high, higher than they are in the United States, and a respectable house or room even half as good as those occupied by our factory hands in the States is entirely beyond the reach of the

best paid labor here. There is no exaggeration in this. The whole working mass of labor lives for the most part in dole or mud-made huts, and to all intents sleep on the ground. Furniture is so high that it would take a years wages to buy a bedstead.

On the coffee estates on the isthmus labor is paid \$1 a week, and it has to find itself. Yet labor is scarce in that section of the country, which proves the falsity of the position of Senator Romero, who claims that wages are cheap because there is a glut of labor here. In the suburbs of the City of Mexico at the present time is being finished "El Rastro," the great government slaughter house. The best bricklayers there say they get 40 cents a day, and that the expert carpenters are getting from 60 to 75 cents a day. As a rule these laborers were not posted on the finer points of the financial question, nor had they read Cuius or any other "school of idiosyncrasy," yet in their simple way they attributed their present state to the depreciated money which they received for their labor, because they said it would not buy anything which made life tolerable.

The present generation of laborers, they said, had been taught that to be skilled in labor was to get higher wages. Wages had not increased, they claimed, in the same proportion as the labor of Mexico had become more proficient, and should their wages become doubled or quadrupled they would not get half as much for their labor as the same class of men in the United States, for the reason that the purchasing power of what they got was but half as much as that paid to the same labor in the States.

As stated above, real estate is exceedingly high in all parts of the republic. Rents are all based on gold figures, and they are excessive in comparison to rents of ordinary houses in the States. The cheapest room a laborer can get is \$10 a month, and the cheapest table board ranges from \$20 to \$30 a month. On account of excessive rents all labor is forced to live in huts, which are built largely without flooring.

The only food within reach of laboring classes is the "tortilla," a rough, home made corn bread; the "frijoles," a local bean; "chile" and "pulque." Any adornment in dress is unknown to the wife or daughter of the mechanic. They wear a loose serape and mantilla made of cloth called manta, which costs 18 cents a yard, and is about the cheapest thing they can get to cover the naked form.—Galveston News.

### SILVER HOLDING ON.

William Cohn Harvey Says It Is Gaining Friends Fast. From The New York Commercial-Advertiser. Chicago June 19.—Editor Commercial-Advertiser: In reply to your telegram, the report that the silver movement is dying out, is not true. It is reported so by gold standard papers for effect. During the season less interest is manifested on the surface of any subject claiming public attention, and this may be true in part as to the national campaign of 1896, which may be said to have already begun west of the Allegheny mountains. The movement is growing constantly, and reflects a deep-seated conviction among the people that an increase in the primary or redemption money of the government is necessary to restore prices and save the property of the debtors from passing into the hands of the creditors. The question has assumed an importance with the people far beyond mere allegiance to parties, and the feeling is such as results from a conviction that the republic itself is in danger. Political leaders as a rule however, in the two old parties are trying to keep the question down and save their parties from disruption.

The silver movement is among the people and not to any great extent among politicians. A vote taken here by the Morning Record of legally authorized city voters, closing yesterday, at which about 13,000 votes were polled, showed nearly two to one in favor of free coinage and independent action of this government. The agricultural papers published in this city are all for free coinage and independent action, and claim that a vote outside of the large cities will give a result of four to one in favor of that policy. Congressman-elect Towne, of Duluth, Minn., who passed through here yesterday en route to the Cleveland convention, tells me that he and other republicans of Minnesota will at an early date, call a convention in his state similar to the democratic free coinage convention that was recently held in this state. He further says that the movement is spreading in the northwest, that nothing can stop it and that he and his people believe

that liberty itself is involved in the issue. Similarly reliable information indicates conventions in all the States from Indiana west.

A mass meeting to continue for one week is being arranged for at Nashville, Tenn., for September. My mail indicates the greatest number of conversions of any one class to be among the clergyman, and in the next six months with a large number of people the movement will assume a religious form. This is to be accounted for when you understand that those who have got at the bottom of this question consider that a great moral wrong was committed when silver, the money of the people, was deprived of its legal tender and redemption qualities and these powers given to gold alone, which has been cornered by the money changers, who are responsible for what is regarded as a crime in destroying silver as real money. It is a blow at the integrity of the nation and is regarded as a national crime.

Prominent republicans and democrats in several States in the central west and south, who expect to be delegates to the next national convention, tell me they will bolt their conventions if a platform is adopted that straddles or compromises on the subject. Our people will understand that the money power, acting in concert, is making money easy purposely and doing all it can to buy business, and will keep it up until the election next year if it can keep the Rothschilds gold syndicate behind the government that long, and the people also understand that the same power that is doing this can crush business by making money tight whenever it sees fit to do so. We intend to free ourselves from such a financial system. The strength of the silver movement is that the people are generally educated on the subject and cannot be again deceived by the usual stock arguments, or any sharp practice that may be resorted to for the purpose of misleading them.

The question also has a deeper significance. A majority of the people regard it as a choice between an English and an American policy; that the success of the gold standard means the introduction in this country of the most harmful methods that accompany a moneyed aristocracy in control of the government.

As a summary: You may expect in the next six months numerous conventions and mass meetings in the west and south, including a national democratic convention and a national republican convention. The movement will not down till we have freed the United States from the influence of plutocracy, re-established the republic on the foundation intended for it by Jefferson and Lincoln and extended a friendly hand to all the liberty loving people of the western hemisphere.

### HE DID THE FAMILY WASHING.

His Wife With a Whip. Made Him Do It—And Now Melvaine Goes to the Island. Mrs. Catharine Melvaine, 40 years of age, of 23 Columbus avenue, got a warrant for the arrest of Alexander Melvaine, her husband, 50 years old, in the Yorkville Court on Wednesday. Mrs. Melvaine charged that her husband contributed nothing to her support, that he drank, and continually ill-treated her. Policeman Smith of the Court squad executed the warrant, arresting Melvaine at his home yesterday morning. Mrs. Melvaine told Police Justice Ryan when in court that she kept a news and stationery store at 35 Columbus avenue, and that her husband, whom she thus supported, heaped abuse upon her head and wasted her substance in riotous living.

"What have you to say to your wife's charge?" asked the Justice. "Just this, your honor," said Melvaine: "My wife had me arrested because I was man enough to refuse to do the washing and ironing."

"What!" exclaimed Justice Ryan, becoming interested; "you were asked to do the washing?" "Asked, did you say? Why, your Honor, you ain't much acquainted with my wife. She doesn't ask, she commands, and backs up her orders with a horse-whip. Only last Thursday I did a whole week's washing, and she stood over me Friday and Saturday with a horse-whip and made me do all the ironing. And this was only one of a good many times, your Honor, that she has done the same thing. She doesn't ask, she don't; she just sails in with that big snake whip o' hers and makes you do it."

"Then he did it?" "Yes, Judge, he did; but it costs more'n its worth to keep him at it." "And so you want him punished?" "Yes, Judge."

"Well, we'll try him with a month and see if it will help him." "Thank you, Judge," and Mrs. Melvaine whisked out of court well pleased, and Alexander went down to prison.—New York Sun.

### NOTES TO COTTON GROWERS.

Below we reproduce a clipping from an exchange that speaks for itself and will doubtless be of interest to the cotton growers of Houston county. Farmers should keep this matter fresh in mind and when they prepare their cotton for the market this fall be sure and get bagging that will advance their interests.

Galveston, Tex., April 15th 1895.—Considering the numerous and undoubtedly well merited complaints being made at the Mill Points regarding the enormous loss in weight sustained on Texas cotton, and the wretched condition generally in which it is received, it is imperative that all parties interested in the chief product of our state should take concerted action to rectify the causes attributable thereto, which are as follows:

The non-uniform size of the bales, the insufficient quantity and strength of the bagging used to adequately protect the cotton and retain distinguishable marks; and the want of the proper number of strong ties to prevent the bales from bursting.

Therefore, in order to bring about much needed reforms in the handling of cotton from the time it is ginned until delivered at the mills, so it may bring the highest price to which it is, with due care, entitled, we beg to bring your attention to the following rules adopted by the New Orleans Maritime convention, now promulgated by this association, composed of the various ship agents at the port of Galveston, which will take effect August 1st, 1895, viz:

1. All ocean freight quotations will be placed upon a compressed density of twenty-five pounds of cotton per cubic foot when delivered along side the vessel.

2. The size of a standard bale of cotton, as put up at the gins shall be as follows: 28 inches boxed width and 58 inches boxed length.

3. All cotton shall be covered entirely with bagging weighing not less than 24 pounds per running yard, and bound with eight good iron or steel ties.

4. All bales of larger dimensions and covered with bagging of less weight or bound with less number of ties, will be charged with additional ocean freight, or rejected as being in unmerchantable condition for ocean carrying.

### Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had Consumption and there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are ample, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

### Concert at Trinity School House.

At the close of the school conducted by Miss Maud Eox, we were treated to a nice concert. Miss Maud is one of our neighborhood girls and we are very proud of her, and esteem her very highly for her work's sake, socially, religiously and otherwise. Of course I was there and played my usual part. The concert consisted of recitations, dialogues and tableaux. Drum and violin music. I will not give the entire program but only wish to notice a part. "Four corners to my bed"—A little girl was in bed and four misuses dressed to represent angels stood around the bed; two to watch, one to pray, one to bear her soul away; with music on violin, "Oh bear me away on Your snowy wings." This scene was very impressive and alone was worth the sleep we lost. "Old time courtship." Dialogue, by my-

self and Miss May Fox. (alias) Reggie Jane was given up by some, to be the best way as it is not near so extensive nor expensive as the present way. I hope this may be the means of starting some young man in the right direction. "Temptation and fall," Tableau, Miss Jessie Meriwether, tempter, Robert Kent tempted, Miss May Fox guarding angel. The temptation was a glass of wine and when the tempted yielded the angel turned her back on the scene. While this was all fiction may we realize that the angels of God turn their back and blush with shame when they see one of God's children yield to temptation in reality. Miss May represented an angel very much with her long black hair and snowy white wings; or the picture of one, and that is as far as we can go as I never saw an angel. I am certain some of the young men think she is as near an angel as us possible for human to be. ZACK.

### FOR EVERYONE!

Read the following directions and you will know just how to get it: Just come with a Nickel or a 20-Dollar Bill to the Bonanza Store at the old MURCHISON STAND on the west side of the depot at LOVELADY and invest it with Ella Mainer & Co.,

in any kind of goods and you will get such a bargain that you will feel that you have struck a real bonanza, which you have. The way we afford such bargains is this: 1st. We buy close. 2d. We do business on a very small expense and Last, but not least, we are satisfied with the Smallest Profits!

We are determined to bring the prices of goods down to suit the scarcity of money and if the good people will help us we will help them in these times of adversity and START THE BALL TO ROLLING toward prosperity. We will take their produce in exchange at the market value, such as chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, eggs, skins, beef-hides, beeswax, tallow, etc., etc.

We have bought the MURCHISON-BANKRUPT STOCK which inventoried over Seven Thousand Dollars and which we are closing out at wholesale cost and less and we are daily adding new and desirable goods in all lines which we buy at bottom prices for SPOT CASH and sell at

### Panic Prices.

We are selling goods STRICTLY FOR CASH and consequently have no losses to make up. Come and try us and see if we don't PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH. SPECIAL—Blessed is he who buyeth goods cheap for his money holdeth out to supply his wants and maketh him happy together with his household.

### FACTS

We have just received a new line of Everything! Carried in a first-class stock of merchandise. GENTS FURNISHING GOODS: A line of gents furnishing goods has just arrived that will please the biggest dude in town. Our Spring line of dress goods will arrive in a few days. Just received a car of flour and 50 barrels of sugar, that will go at prices that defy competition.

### Cash Tells The Story.

Call and see us. JNO. MURCHISON & SON.

### Crook, - - - Incorporated - - - Co.

Make complete abstracts to land in Houston County and the city of Crockett on short notice. J. M. CROOK, - - - Manager.

### E. A. NICHOLS, REAL ESTATE

Property - - - Exchange. Office in Rockett Store, Crockett, Tex. If you have Real Estate or property of any description, no matter where located, for sale or mortgage show it in my hands and I will find you a purchaser. If you want to buy property of any kind see or write me before buying. Property Bought, Rents Collected, Etc.

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A slight change was made in the schedule of passenger trains on the I. & G. N. Sunday. The north bound trains now arrive at 6:52 P. M., and 4:27 A. M., those going south arrive at 8:27 A. M. and 11:50 P. M. The change was made to make connection with other trains shortening the schedule time from St. Louis to San Antonio eight hours.

Merchants make a mistake against themselves and the best interests of the town and county by being so utterly indifferent about advertising. An advertisement is an ever present, ever pleading solicitor for trade, the best drummer in the world. Judicious advertising always pays well in the best kind of interest on the investment. One would hardly think so, however, if they were left to judge from the amount done through the columns of the Courier. There isn't a better advertising medium in East Texas either. Try it!

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A slight change was made in the schedule of passenger trains on the I. & G. N. Sunday. The north bound trains now arrive at 6:52 P. M., and 4:27 A. M., those going south arrive at 8:27 A. M. and 11:50 P. M. The change was made to make connection with other trains shortening the schedule time from St. Louis to San Antonio eight hours.

Merchants make a mistake against themselves and the best interests of the town and county by being so utterly indifferent about advertising. An advertisement is an ever present, ever pleading solicitor for trade, the best drummer in the world. Judicious advertising always pays well in the best kind of interest on the investment. One would hardly think so, however, if they were left to judge from the amount done through the columns of the Courier. There isn't a better advertising medium in East Texas either. Try it!

R. M. ATKINSON.

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DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISH, GLASS, LAMP CHIMNEYS.

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What God Hath Joined Together Let no Man Put Asunder.

At the residence of the bride's father Col. D. A. Nunn, Wednesday, July 3, Dr. James H. Earp, of Corsicana, and Miss Mary Nunn. To witness this there was gathered at the hospitable home of Col. Nunn many good friends of the fairest of brides. The weather was ideal, the moon casting her shimmer of brightness the landscape o'er from a cloudless sky. The rooms were decorated with ferns, roses and ivy and in the center of the spacious parlor was suspended the marriage bells. On either side of which was the letters E. & N. The bridal party marched to their places to the pleasing strains of a vocal selection from "Lohengrin," charmingly rendered by Mesdames A. H. Wooters, A. P. Moore and Misses Ethel Wooters, Grace Smith and Minnie Wall. The bride was given away by her father, J. E. Butler, of Corsicana, acting as best man, Rev. J. S. Mathis performed the marriage service in a most impressive manner. There was music, song, dancing and refreshments, and happiness reigned supreme. The visitors from a distance were Judge and Mrs. F. A. Williams, of Galveston, Mrs. A. P. Moore and Mrs. Grace Herndon, of Tyler, Mrs. Ed Ripley, of Waco, Mrs. H. L. Scales and Miss Reid, of Corsicana, Miss Fisher, of Waverly, Miss Young, of Lampasas, Messrs Paul Blackman and J. E. Butler, of Corsicana.

Clifton Missouri.  
Mr. A. L. Armstrong, an old druggist and a prominent citizen of this enterprising town, says: "I sell some forty different kinds of cough medicines, but have never in my experience sold so much of any one article as I have of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. All who use it say it is the most perfect remedy for Cough, Cold, Consumption, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, they have ever tried." It is a specific for Croup and Whooping Cough. It will relieve a Cough in one minute. Contains no opiates.—Sold by J. G. Haring.

Card of Thanks.  
We wish to extend our thanks to the good people of Lovelady and vicinity also Groveton and vicinity, for their kindness and sympathy in our recent sad bereavement. None but those who have been doubly bereaved in a like manner can understand how sweet their kindness and sympathy have been.  
Trinity County Watchman please copy.  
M. L. BERD AND WIFE.

Bucklen's Arnick Salve.  
THE BEST SALVE IN THE WORLD FOR Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Coris, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

A Pioneer's Recommendation.  
Mr. J. W. Venable, of Downey, a pioneer of Los Angeles County Cal., says: "Whenever I am troubled with a pain in the stomach or with diarrhoea I use Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it for years know it to be a reliable remedy, and recommend it to every one." For sale by Frank Chamberlain.

A Bargain.  
540 acres land, about 300 acres in cultivation; 2 fields joining, one fenced with wire, the other partially fenced with 8 wire fence, good titles, good water, good dwelling, four tenant houses and good neighborhood. For terms call on or correspond with Mrs. H. STRICK, Grapeland, Texas.

To the Patrons of Crockett School.  
I will continue my music class in the public school during the next term and desire the patronage of the public. I also extend thanks for patronage in the past.  
MISS MINNIE CRADDOCK.

Ballard's Snow Liment.  
This wonderful Liment is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. It is the most penetrating Liment in the World. It will cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Wounds, Old Sores, Burns, Sciatica, Sore Throat, Sore Chest and all Inflammation, after all others have failed. It will cure Barbed Wire Cuts, and heal all Wounds where proud flesh has set in. It is equally efficient for animals. Try it and you will not be without it. Price 50 cents.—Sold by J. G. Haring.

A Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.  
WESTMINSTER, CAL., March 21, 1894.—Some time ago, on awakening one morning, I found that I had rheumatism in my knee so badly that, as I remarked to my wife, it would be impossible for me to attend to business that day. Remembering that I had some of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my store I sent for a bottle and rubbed the afflicted parts thoroughly with it according to directions, and within an hour I was completely relieved. One application had done the business. It is the best liment on the market, and I sell it under a positive guarantee. R. T. HARRIS. For sale by Frank Chamberlain.

Buy one of those 75 cent ham-mocks at the Furniture Store. Only a few left. The best wire cotts made. They will not sway in the middle. Japanned Steel Springs at extremely low prices. The price of Furniture is advancing all the time but as we were heavily stocked we can still sell at bottom prices. We have a few folding lounges left which we will dispose of at a bargain. Just received a large supply of mosquito bar frames.

THE FURNITURE STORE.  
New Livery Stable.  
When you want a first-class rig of any kind, hack, buggy, saddle-horse, try the new stable. Everything new and first-class. Horses fed and groomed. Our charges are reasonable on everything. Try us. Stable west of Square.  
COOK & MATHEWS.  
Notice.  
We the cotton buyers of Crockett will hold a meeting at the court house on the 13th day of July to consider the management of cotton for the coming season and respectfully request that all farmers and ginners meet with us on that day.  
Attention Music Pupils.  
I will resume teaching vocal and instrumental music about the time our schools begin in the fall and respectfully ask for a share of the public patronage. I feel grateful to those who have aided me in the past and will be highly pleased to have their support for another year.  
Respectfully,  
GRACIE SMITH  
Extry Notice  
Reported to me by R. T. Murchison Com. Pre. No. 1 Houston Co. Tex; the following described animals: One black mare, 2 hind feet and I front foot white, about 6 or 7 years old, about 14 hands high no brand; running 14 miles north of Crockett in care of Tom Zachery. Given under my hand and seal of office this May 13th 1895.  
N. E. ALLBRIGHT, County Clerk.

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Very Respectfully,  
S. H. OWENS.  
Assisted by W. H. KENT.

ALL WOOL  
PANTS  
MADE TO ORDER FROM YOUR MEASURE  
ACME PANTS CO.  
917 OLIVE ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.  
SEND FOR SAMPLES AND RULES FOR SELF MEASUREMENT. WRITE TODAY AS THIS MAY NOT APPEAR AGAIN.

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