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J. L. & W. C. LIPSCOMB, Physicians and Surgeons, "CROCKETT, TEXAS, D. A. WERN, D. A. WERN, D. W. WERN, Nunn, Nunn & Nunn, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

When I started in the poultry business, says a writer in Farm Poultry, I had four Barred Plymouth Rocks, a pair of Black Minorcas and six mongrel hens.

The Story of a Rose. Only a rose! It lay between the faded pages of an old book.

THE 54TH CONGRESS. HOUSE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF ITS TIME. Some of the Measures to Come Up For Attention Before The House-Committees to Get to Work-Propose to Make This a Short Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Republicans of the house, since they are to be deprived of their holiday recess, have determined to proceed with the work of the session and have all other committees improve the time while ways and means committee is engaged in the preparation work of a revenue bill.

AMERICAN DESERT. An Effort to Make It Safe for Travel by Maps and Signboards. The great Mojave desert is no longer to be a trackless waste.

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CHARGE OF ASSAULT. HENRY CAGLE ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING.

A Young Man Named Wagner is the Victim—Cagle's Capture Effected in a Next Morning—Two Bullets Taken From Him and the Young Man Will Die.

CROCKETT, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—Henry Cagle, a young man charged with assault on a young man named Wagner at Morgan a few evenings ago, was jailed here and carried back by Sheriff Metcalf yesterday morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—James J. Wallace and C. J. Jacobs became involved in a difficulty at the residence of the young man who did the shooting at Morgan. The conductor was struck by the assassin and after talking Jacobs the young man, while taking his pistol away from him and tied him.

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A STATE BREVARY. Interesting Items Gleaned and Arranged from the Daily Press.

The last pile was driven in the bridge of the Galveston, Laporte and Houston railroad across the bay a few days ago.

There has been a great deal of prospecting for silver and copper in El Paso county, near Van Horn lately. Messrs. Hand and Maltby found a fine vein of silver ore, specimens of which assayed about \$50 to the ton.

A frightful accident occurred at Tioga, Grayson county, the other night, in which Miss Maggie Gilliland, daughter of M. W. Gilliland, was nearly burned to death.

Recently, at Tioga, Grayson county, little Virginia Nicholson narrowly escaped death from the explosion of a railroad torpedo. A finger was cut almost entirely off and a deep cut on the forehead was made by the pieces of metal.

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A Motorman's Life. FULL OF HARDSHIPS, EXPOSURE AND CONSTANT DANGER.

The Great Strain on a Man's Nerves Sufficient to Hasten to Wreck Him in a Short Time. The Experience of a Well-Known Motorman.

A motorman is subjected to many hardships, especially in the winter, when he is exposed to the cold and snow. Even in the summer he must bear the intense heat which beats down upon him.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are all that is claimed for them. In fact they advertise themselves better than any medicine I ever saw. I was seized some time ago with a cold, and it was very severe.

English Marrow. Battering heads were introduced into England from the north of France, as to be by Pierre Lorillard, and they have multiplied rapidly. A large number of fine horses have been shot there this year.

Change of Life. When a woman approaches the change of life she is liable to have a return of all the menstrual derangements, and other ailments that afflicted her in former years.

Not So High. The Maine state labor commission has been making thorough inquiry as to the cost of the average Maine citizen's food per day.

A Whole Family Rescued. North Huron, N. Y.—(Special.) O. H. Sum of this city had nearly become a physical wreck through excessive use of tobacco, and his brother-in-law, son-in-law and father-in-law were also ill.







**LOCAL NEWS.**

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.  
Miss Laura Murchison is reported to be quite ill.

Dr. S. J. Collins of Lovelady, was in the city Monday.  
Gail King left Monday night for Dallas and Pilot Point to spend the holidays.

Charley Edmiston of Beaumont, is in the city on a visit to his father's family.

Mr. W. H. Harris of the COURIER, spent Christmas with his family in Nacogdoches.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton of Waco, are here visiting Judge A. A. Aldrich and family.

A few more of those hand-made Texas saddles, call quick.  
J. E. DOWNS.

Miss Lula Young of Huntsville, was in the city this week, visiting Miss Amelia Miller.

Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25cts.  
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Ladies just step into Bill McCounnell's and see the grand display of floor rugs. They are beauties.

Harv Castleberg has returned to Crockett from St. Louis to spend the holidays with his parents.

Arlidge, Kennedy & Co., are now in fine shape for business in their new building N. E. Corner Public Square.

Thirteen marriage licenses were issued from the county clerk's office last Monday, most of them to colored people.

Our stock is new and bought for cash. We will sell as cheap as any one can sell and live and help to live.  
J. E. DOWNS.

O. D. Kirkpatrick and family from Cherokee, Texas, will move into their new residence in north Crockett, the last of the week.

Board by day, week or month at New Restaurant, only first class one in city.  
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Billy Buck expects quite a number of friends from a distance to be present at the opening of the Capitol hotel on the 1st of January.

J. M. Crook has purchased what is known as the Mac Murchison resident property and his mother who is coming will occupy it January, 1st.

Just before going to press, we learn of two Christmas weddings among the young people of Crockett, to wit: W. A. Cone to Miss Helen Winfree and J. S. Johnson to Miss Annie May Murphy.

Mr. F. M. Martin who has a school at Augusta, has given his pupils the usual Christmas holiday and is spending the week in Crockett, much to the satisfaction of some of our young ladies with whom he is quite popular.

Last Monday Sheriff Waller arrested Floyd and Coby Watson, colored, about four miles south of town on the charge of stealing six hogs from J. D. Adams. They were brought before Justice Ellis and their examination set for Friday of this week.

The Capitol Hotel is now being run under the firm and style of Billy Buck & Co. Major Wheaton who has a state-wide reputation as a genial host, is in charge and gives personal attention to the comfort of his guests. Major Wheaton has quite an experience as a hotel manager, having in the past had charge of such noted hostleries as the Hutchins and Capitol Hotels at Houston.

Last Friday night, at or near the shooting gallery in this city, Henry Warren and John Barnes, both negroes, got into a vicious quarrel and in the fight following the quarrel Barnes received an ugly but not dangerous knife wound in the throat. Warren was arrested charged with assault to murder and gave bond to await the action of the grand-jury. Barnes was up and about a few hours after receiving the wound.

**CASH! CASH!  
CASH!**

DO NOT FORGET TO CALL AND PRICE. Just arrived in Car Lots.  
2 Cars Liverpool Salt, Fine and Coarse. 2 Cars Hay, Alfalfa and Fodder. Car best TEXAS Bran Car Texas Red Rust Proof Oats and Car of Fresh Flour.  
Our Clothing and Shoe Stocks are Complete.  
We invite your inspection before Buying.  
R. M. ATKINSON.

Dont fail to see that line of Holiday goods at Haring's Drug Store.  
Mrs. Dr. T. M. Sherman of Lovelady, is visiting Mrs. J. B. Ellis in this city.

Mr. George D. Barnett of Houston, was in the city Christmas day visiting friends.

Albert Daniel and Stonewall Craddock are here from Burnet, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Moore of Tyler, are here visiting Judge Aldrich and family.

Frank Smith has bought Ben Berry's interest in the Smith & Berry livery stable.

When you want Groceries or Hardware remember Arledge, Kennedy & Co., is headquarters.

Josh Monday of Lovelady, has been dangerously ill but is reported to be getting better.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant.  
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Why purchase a cheap stove when you can buy a Genuine Buck's at Arledge, Kennedy & Co., for the same price.

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

Mr. J. B. Cunningham from near Grapeland, was in the city Monday on his way to Terrell to visit his brother.

The public schools suspended last Friday for the Christmas holidays. The session will be resumed January 2nd.

Mr. O. D. Kirkpatrick, recently returned to Houston county from western Texas, gave this office a call Tuesday.

W. B. Wilson of this city, left Saturday for his old home in Mississippi where he expects to remain for several weeks.

Miss Amelia Miller entertained the pupils of the 8th and 9th grades in the public school, at her home in this city, Monday night.

George Whitley of Sheridan, W. W. Gaine of Augusta and J. G. McCall of Lovelady, were callers at the COURIER office this week.

An immigrant train of six wagons, with a family to each wagon, passed through the city Monday, en route from the Indian Territory to the coast country.

Silas Goolsby of Groesbeck, is visiting County clerk Allbright in this city. He lived here twenty-four years ago, and this is his first visit back since he left.

Mr. D. J. Dornie, a substantial farmer from the Pennington neighborhood, was in town Monday to make his Christmas purchases, and gave this office a pleasant call.

R. D. King has sold his home place in this city to his father, John H. King, of Pilot Point, who will bring his family here in February or March, and make his home here. The price paid for the place was \$1000.

Tax-collector Sheridan has been doing an immense business this week with the tax-payers. Under the new law they must pay their taxes by the first of the year, and they have been crowding Mr. Sheridan's office nearly all the week. Most of them settle up in a cheerful way as though they didn't mind a little thing like that, and grumblers and kickers among them are rare. The simple truth is that Houston county farmers are uncommonly well fixed this year and it doesn't pinch to pay their annual tribute to the state and county governments.

A. E. Kilpatrick, of Fillmore, Cal., had the misfortune to have his leg caught between a cart and a stone and badly bruised. Ordinarily he would have been laid up for two or three weeks, but says: "After using one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm I began to feel better, and in three days was entirely well. The peculiar soothing qualities which Chamberlain's Pain Balm possesses I have never noticed in any other liniment. I take pleasure in recommending it." This liniment is also of great value for rheumatism and lame back. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

Geo. W. Jenkins, editor of the Santa Maria "Times," Cal., in speaking of the various ailments of children, said: "When my children have croup there is only one patent medicine that I ever use, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It possesses some medicinal properties that relieve the little sufferers immediately. It is, in my opinion, the best cough medicine in the market." If this remedy is freely given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is also an ideal remedy for whooping cough. There is no danger in giving it to children, as it contains nothing injurious. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

We wish YOU a prosperous and happy New Year. We also beg to solicit a liberal share of your patronage.

**YOUR FRIENDS,  
SMITH & FRENCH.**

Rev. J. S. Mathis and wife returned Tuesday from Texarkana where Mr. Mathis was in attendance on the East Texas conference. His friends and all who know him here are delighted to know that the conference returned him to Crockett as pastor of the Methodist church here for another year. The following are the appointments made by the conference for the Palestine district, which includes this county: L. M. Fowler, presiding elder; Palestine, D. F. C. Timmons; Elkhart, Alexander Methvine; Brushy Creek, J. L. Dawson; Holcomb, C. B. Smith; Grapeland, W. F. Hardy; Crockett station, J. S. Mathis; Crockett circuit, J. T. Kirkpatrick; Trinity and Groveton, J. B. Turentine; Saron, supplied by J. W. Hamner; Alto, W. L. Pate; Homer, supplied by John Hanneicut; Lukin, L. A. Burk; Rusk, V. A. Godby; Jacksonville station, L. Alexander; Jacksonville circuit, J. B. Luker; county line, supplied by A. E. Blunt; Wells mission supplied by D. Burke.

It was a pleasant Christmas in Crockett, and among the youngsters a boisterous one. The weather behaved itself, although it was strongly tempted to do otherwise. The Christmas tree at the Methodist church Tuesday night was a success. The church was crowded and the music by Miss Custer and her violin class was greatly appreciated. Hundreds of presents hung from the great illuminated tree and it seemed that there was a gift for every little one in Crockett and many of the big ones. On the streets the boys gave themselves up to fireworks and kept up the racket until a late hour. Evidently the best part of Christmas eve was in the home circle, for the stores did only a light trade after dark. Christmas day was quiet except for the "kids" and their fireworks. The stores were closed, there were services at the Methodist church and doubtless in most of the homes of Crockett the question of turkey was discussed at the dinner hour without Armenian sauce or British interference. It was not such a Christmas as our fathers celebrated but it was according to the times.

**Bucklen's Arnick Salve.**  
THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chillsblains, Corra, 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.

**Stray Notices.**  
Reported to me by R. T. Murchison, Comr. Pre. No. 1, Houston county, Texas, the following described animal: one dark bay horse about 14 hands high, about six years old. Blotched brand on left ham, scar on nose and both front feet. Running about two miles S. E. of Crockett, in care of Eliasha Robinson.  
Given under my hand and seal of office, Dec. 16th, 1895.  
N. E. ALBRIGHT, County clk., Houston county, Tex., by JOHN SPENCE, Deputy.

**Cure For Headache.**  
As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influences. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tonic to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only Fifty cents at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

**HAMMAR PAINT CO.**  
**Hammar Paints**  
Guaranteed 5 years  
PURE PREPARED  
For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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**Teachers' Institute Program.**  
The following is the program of the Houston County Teachers' Institute to be held in Crockett on the second Saturday in January, 1896:  
How to build up a country school—Prof. F. M. Martin and Miss Mary Denney.  
Importance of subscribing for and reading school journals—J. H. Hackney and Mrs. Torrence.  
Methods and management—Prof. Walker King and Gaylord Kline.  
Primary geography—Mrs. Mattie Wort, Miss Lula Mason.  
Arithmetic—Miss Mollie Moore, Prof. G. R. Sewell.  
The teacher's relation to the commonwealth—Miss Amelia Miller, Prof. W. H. Kolb.  
The future of Texas public schools—Prof. J. B. Richards and Prof. J. B. McPhail.  
Question box.  
J. M. NICKS, Mrs. A. R. SPENCE, G. G. ALEXANDER, Committee.

**Office of Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company.**  
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, Dec. 6, 1895  
To the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company: Notice is hereby given, by order of the board of directors of this company, passed at a meeting of said board held this day, that the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company is called to meet at the company's office in Georgetown, Texas, on Saturday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of receiving reports of the company's officers, electing directors of the company to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other purposes as may properly come before the stockholders.  
Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1895.  
D. H. SNYDER, Acting President.  
EDWARD E. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

**Notice to Road Overseers.**  
The commissioners' court desire overseers to take notice that the time is near at hand for the inspection of the roads of the county, and if they have not been properly worked, report of their condition will be made to the grand jury. Crockett, Texas, December 14th, 1895.  
N. E. ALBRIGHT County clk., Houston county, Tex., 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 Bargain.**  
540 acres land, about 300 acres in cultivation; 2 fields joining, one fenced with wire, the other partially fenced with 6 wire fences, good titles, good water, good dwelling, four tenant houses and good neighborhood. For terms call on or correspond with Mrs. H. SELKIEK, Grapeland, Texas.

**True Happiness (If Understood) Consists Alone In Doing Good.**

This we are doing as has been admitted by the most skeptical buyer who received value for his money and great

**SATISFACTION**

That is what we live for. To be made satisfied and we feel very much so with the success we have made this far in our business, but we are not going to let up. We are in with all our might and energy and we are going to keep pressing on.

**The Month of December Read, Reflect, Act**

It is usually one of the busiest of the year for the merchant. We are interested in the winding up of the years business. Inventory is taken during the last days of the month. We are going to invoice as little of this year's goods as possible. We are going to offer goods at moving prices. It is nobody's business how cheap we sell goods, the purchaser is the party interested and only those who fail to meet competition can complain.  
If we advertise a dollar for a dime, it is so. Every affirmation we make can be verified by your coming to our store and seeing for yourself.

**We Have a Way of Doing Business.**

That has met with universal approval as has been testified to by unimpeachable witnesses, who, while purchasing of us saw that they were subserving their own interest and by so doing laying up for themselves dollars that would be a blessing to their posterity.

And by so doing you will see how it is possible for us to distribute among the people one of the best selected stocks ever brought to Crockett at prices that no competitor can duplicate. Why, because we BUY RIGHT AND SELL RIGHT, and the people know it, as evidenced by the large concourse of people which has thronged our store every day (except Sundays) for the past three months. They know when they are getting the value for their money and are alive to their own interest.

This month completes our second year in business, but we hope to be with you for several more. And it is our desire to make this the greatest month of our mercantile existence. We are going to do more good than ever before by putting our goods at prices that can not be touched by our strongest competition.

Do not wait for bargains, look for them and you will find them at

**SHIVERS BROS.,**

The Young Merchants Who Will Treat You Right,

Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions, Millinery, Shoes, Hats, Groceries and Coffins.

**DOWN A BONANZA TO BED ROCK FIGURES. FOR EVERYONE!**

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 Figures.**

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. J.W.HAIL.**

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 3d. 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 HE 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 boldeth out to supply his wants and maketh him happy together with his household.

**Well, Did You Hear About It?**  
Of all the cheap goods ever sold in Crockett! Look out from now until Xmas at the Racket Store for all kinds of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes and Clothing cut the core. You can also look for a fine line of Xmas goods which will arrive in a few days. Everybody come and come soon.  
**RACKET STORE.**  
By making such large purchases they are enabled to buy their goods at a large discount and will give their customers benefit of the cheap rates. Call and see how cheap they can sell any grade of furniture. You could not give a more desirable Xmas present than a nice set of furniture. It is useful as well as ornamental.



