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W. F. DENT TALKS.

Another One of Our Jury Commissioners States His Position.

To the readers of The Courier:

As it has been alleged by the pops. over the county and I have been frequently told that the democratic party were responsible for negroes being placed upon the jury, I will say this in reputation of above charges: I, together with Messrs. Frank Hill and Thomas Alexander, composed the commissioners who selected the jurors for October term. I selected representative white men only, without regard to party ties. My selections were made upon the grounds of qualification and fitness for this most important duty. The gentlemen who served upon this commission with me, will know, that all the jurors selected by myself were chosen without regard to party or political affiliations. If their memories be treacherous I refer them to the jury list which will readily indicate the truth of the above. No gentlemen: This is only a subterfuge used as a resort to shift the responsibility of negro juries upon the shoulders of that party which alone has always stood by the people. Its standard bearers in this county as well as the juries of our courts have been elected and chosen from among the race which will always as a matter of right govern this proud state. This is a question of grave import and should be carefully considered by all who are interested in the preservation of good government and social relations between our races.

I consider Judge Burnett and his benchmen responsible for the conditions which confront us. And let them turn hither and thither the fact stares them in the face. Their sins have found them out. Success to the COURIER and long life to Democracy.

W. F. DENT.

District Court Proceedings.

CIVIL DOCKET.

J D Mullen vs. W C Dowling, dismissed at cost of plaintiff; Mrs A Bethar vs. James Bridges, defendant demands jury; First Nat. Bank vs. Marrow & Wilson, judgment for plaintiff, for amount of notes; W W Bodenheimer vs. W S Simpson, Messrs Gano & Gono attys, have leave to withdraw answer of defendant Elliott; The Home and foreign Investment and agency Co. vs. Dan Egbert et al costs paid and discontinued; J M Perkins et al vs Enoch Proxson, et al dismissed by plaintiff at his cost; Sydnor Marchison vs J J Bynum, costs paid and discontinued; Mary Edwards vs. Henry Edwards, divorce granted at cost of plaintiff; Melissa Johnson vs. Dan Johnson, divorce granted at cost of plaintiff; Pat Twohey vs. Sallie Twohey, divorce at cost plaintiff; W J Simmons vs. Georgia Simmons, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Jno Kitchens vs. Mollie Kitchens, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Eviline Freeman vs. Geo Freeman divorce at cost of plaintiff; R D King vs. G. M. Waller, et al defendant demands jury; First Nat. Bank vs. E. H. East et al special plea of exception to jurisdiction; F G Edmiston vs. Peter Burns et al judgment for plaintiff by defendant for amount

of notes sued on and for foreclosure of mechanic's lien; R. H. Berry vs Sarah Berry divorce granted at cost of plaintiff; Wm Cannard vs. Silla Cannard, divorce; J C Wooters vs. Peter Hayden, defendant demands a jury; Francis Johnson vs. Henry Johnson, divorce at cost of plaintiff; C H Ellis vs. Laura Ellis, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Willie Weaver vs. W Weaver, divorce at cost of plaintiff; C G Summers vs. R J Summers, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Bill Williams vs. H Williams, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Jno Davis vs. Julia Davis, divorce at cost of plaintiff; Mary Johnson vs. Geo Johnson, divorce at cost of plttf; State vs. Jake Ellenberg abated by death of deft; State vs. E Rogers, case set for 26th inst. Special venire for 60 jurors, returnable 24th. Court adjourned Tuesday evening until Friday.

A Terrible Murder.

Pinkney Kilpatrick who lived near Augusta was killed by J. W. Howell on Thursday of last week. The facts as developed at the inquest before justice Kennedy are these:

J. W. Howell had been living on Kilpatrick's place as a renter and owed one fourth of the cotton crop for rent besides for advances made to him. Howell had paid Kilpatrick nothing and was on his way to Crockett with the third bale of his cotton crop.

Kilpatrick believing that Howell intended to beat him out of his rent and advances got out a distress warrant and in company with Bud Kirkpatrick, the constable of the Augusta beat, went to attach the bale of cotton that Howell had started to Crockett with. Kilpatrick and Kirkpatrick overtook Howell on the San Antonio road near Norris' place 13 miles from Crockett. Howell was on his wagon when the parties rode up. Kirkpatrick told Howell that he had attachment papers for the bale of cotton. Howell told constable Kirkpatrick that he could not get it and began to reach for his gun. He raised and fired at Kilpatrick, the entire load of buck shot entering the right side of Kilpatrick and passing through the body came out on the left side and lodged in the arm.

Kirkpatrick fell. Meanwhile constable Kilpatrick put spurs to his horse and ran for his life and it was well for him that he did from accounts.

Howell turned his wagon and mule over to Norris, took his horse and went to Ben Hearn's and borrowed a saddle, saying he was going to town to give up. He didn't do so however. We understand that he is still in the county and saw the sheriff and deputy from a fodder loft one day last week as they were in search of him. Kirkpatrick, the deceased, bore a good name as a citizen. The shooting from all accounts was an unprovoked outrage.

Kilpatrick leaves a large family. Howell also has a wife and several children.

Church Announcement.

The quarterly meetings of Holcomb and Grapeland circuits by consent of Rev. Mr. Fowler change dates—Holcomb meets at Enterprise Oct 31st and Nov 1st.

MCDONALD REBELLED.

The North Texas Republican Colored Leader Declared for Culberson.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 1.—W. M. McDonald and M. M. Williams, the populist leader of Austin, had a lively meeting in the rotunda of the Oriental hotel to-day. Williams denounced McDonald as a traitor to his party and applied to him an opprobrious epithet. Bystanders interfered and prevented a hostile scene.

McDonald addressed an audience of 400 negroes to-night in which he vigorously assailed the populist party and its platform and declared for Culberson for governor. W. E. King, editor of a weekly newspaper, also made a speech approving McDonald's action.

McDonald's Resignation.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 1.—W. M. McDonald of Kaufman, one of Chairman E. H. R. Green's lieutenants and a member of the state campaign committee of the republican party, created a sensation Wednesday night during a session of the committee held behind closed doors on account of his vigorous attack upon fusion with the populists. This morning the committee held a called session and McDonald created another sensation. He tendered his resignation as a member of the campaign committee, as follows:

Terrell, Tex., Oct. 2.—To the Hon. E. H. R. Green, Chairman Republican Campaign Committee, Dallas—Dear Sir: The political situation in our beloved state has assumed a grave and chaotic state. Combination after combination has been discussed looking toward enhancing the best interests of Texas and in the meanwhile to secure Major McKinley the electoral vote of Texas. To accomplish the latter item will require a sacrifice of manhood, principles and all those things which a good citizen holds dear. I desire to see our national ticket succeed, but not at the expense of good government at home. To labor for good government in the nation and push along a populist government in the state at the same time is, in my humble judgment, to say the least, the worst kind of politics. Your plenary committee contemplates doing that which could not have been done in our state convention. It turns the republican party over to the populist party. While I love the republican party and the principles for which it stands, yet I am not willing to loose sight of every stage of principle and cast my vote to hoist into office and power a set of men whose only objects are to live at the expense of the government. Our state convention wisely left it to each voter in this state to cast his vote according to the dictates of his own conscience with regard to state offices. But where do we find ourselves? We are confronted with three men absolutely dictating to 100,000 free men as to how they shall cast their votes. Cuney may have once enjoyed limited sway over Texas republicans, but never have the republicans of Texas submitted their doctrines to three men absolutely. These three men styled "plenary committee," require that we shall

swallow down 'ne lilly white party and then vote the populist ticket from constable to governor. They do not stop there, but they further require us to vote for Bryan and Watson electors. Your committee are all honorable men. They believe no doubt that the above is the best thing to do. I know that principles and patriotism can not be found in this unholy combination and I for one can not and shall not support it for the above reason and others which I shall give in the present canvass.

I therefore tender you my resignation as a member of your campaign committee on speakers. I shall however, give my loyal support to the republican nominees and hope to see principles and patriotism triumph with their election.

Respectfully,
W. M. McDONALD.

To The Voters of Houston County.

To the voters of Houston county: The democratic appointments have been changed to correspond with the populist appointments, and they will have speaking at the following places on the dates indicated. It is the desire of the democratic speakers to arrange for a fair division of time with the populists. The dates of the appointments are as follows:

Tadmor Thursday Oct., 8th 1896.	Weches, Friday	" 9 "
Augusta Saturday	" 10 "	
Evergreen Monday	" 12 "	
Grapeland Tuesday	" 13 "	
Daly Wedn's.,	" 14 "	
Porter Springs Thr's	" 15 "	
Boggs Friday	" 16 "	
Sunflower Saturday	" 17 "	
Creek Monday	" 19 "	
Shiloh Tuesday	" 20 "	
Weldon Wednesday	" 21 "	
Lovelady Thursday	" 22 "	
Tyler Prairie Sat.	" 24 "	
Dodson Mond'y	" 26 "	
Coltharp Tuesday	" 27 "	
Pleasant Grove Weds	" 28 "	
Daniel Thursday	" 29 "	
Jones School Fri.	" 30 "	
Crockett Saturday	" 31 "	

F. H. BAYNE,
Chm., Dem., Ex., Committee.

RATCLIFF.

ED. COURIER:

I wish to inform my friend "Rover," through the columns of your paper that Buck Murry who was charged with the theft of Mrs. Hewlings oxen was never brought before me to be tried. I accepted an affidavit and issued a warrant of arrest and placed it in the hands of the constable and Murry was arrested and taken to Crockett to be put in jail to await the meeting of the grand jury and was then admitted to bail. I do not know whether he has skipped his bond or not. If he has, it has been very recently.

B. F. DICKERSON, J. P.

CITY ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that it shall be unlawful for any person to bury, or cause to be buried, the dead body of any person east of Arch St. or south of the following line: Beginning where Arch and Charles Sts intersect at the North-East corner of lot No. 277, running West sixty feet, thence South thirty-eight feet, thence due West again with right-of-way of the I. & G. N. rail-road. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

J. C. WOOTERS, Mayor.
EARLE ADAMS, Sec'y.

LOCAL NEWS.

Porter Newman made a flying trip to Augusta this week on legal business.

J. F. Lively of Weches was in the city Tuesday on business. Frank is one of Weches hustling business men.

Miss Claudine Ward of Houston who is visiting relatives in this county is in the city the guest of Miss Josie Kirkpatrick.

The scheme that was to have been worked through a certain member of the grand jury drawn didn't work because the particular, certain number didn't get on.

We challenge any white man to listen to the incendiary talk of the speaker Raynor who has been talking to the colored people of the county and then go and vote for J. R. Burnett and F. H. Hill.

J. L. Lancaster, a merchant at Guy's Store, Leon county, has sold out and was in Crockett Wednesday trying to rent a residence for his family. He wants to educate his children. Besides he will go into business.

Raynor, the colored speaker, addressed about 600 negroes in the court house last Saturday in the interest of James R. Burnett and Frank Hill particularly and the populist ticket generally. Every thing that he could say to array the negroes against the white democracy was said. His language was vehement and abundantly capable of disgusting the white people of the county, democrats or populists.

Public Speaking.

Hon. W. M. Imboden will address the people of Grapeland and Crockett on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13th and 14th.

The grand jury has a heavy docket. From Lovelady and Crockett alone, there are 33 felony cases demanding their attention. A great annoyance to grand juries is the great array of misdemeanor cases which come before it for investigation. In all such matters the business of the grand jury may be expedited very much by turning over all misdemeanor cases to the Justice of the Peace and the county attorney. In this way they are gotten out of the way and the time of the grand jury devoted exclusively to felonies.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by G. M. Thompson, near Weldon, and estrayed before M. B. Newton J. P. Prec't No. 4 on the 29th day of September A. D. 1896. The following described animal: One dark brown horse mule about 13 hands high. No brand.

Appraised at \$20.00. Filed for Record Oct. 3d A. D. 1896.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3d day of October A. D. 1896.

N. E. Allbright,
C. C. C. H. C. Texas.

Grand Jury.

N. J. Mainer, foreman; T. J. Fox, W. L. Vaught, J. G. Webb, W. H. Kent, Mack Freeman (col.) Geo. Reece (col.), Frank Garrett, A. M. Rencher, J. S. Gilbert, J. H. McDougal, Arch Adams.

The following are bailiffs: Jerry Clark, Edgar Bennett, C. W. Waddell, W. H. Harrell and Buck Bruton (door.)

For Sale.

Sixteen fine Berkshire and Poland China pigs, about four months old pedigree stock, sired by double royal Wilkes, registry number 26759.

The grand dam of these pigs sold for \$650 and their grand sire for \$950.

Also two registered Jersey bull calves for sale.

A. LEGORY.

Closing Out at and Near Cost.

I am selling out at and near cost my general stock of merchandise, consisting of Dry goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Dress-Goods, Hardware, everything carried in a general stock of goods. I am going out of business and mean what I say. Come and try me. J. R. B. BARBEE, Lovelady, Texas.

If Troubled with Rheumatism Read This.

Annapolis, Md., Apr. 16, 1894.—I have used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and found it to be all that is claimed for it. I believe it to be the best preparation for rheumatism and deep seated muscular pains on the market and cheerfully recommend it to the public. Jno. G. Brooks, dealer in boots, shoes, etc., No. 18 Main St.

ALSO READ THIS.

Mechanicsville, St. Mary County, Md.—I sold a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm to a man who had been suffering with rheumatism for several years. It made him a well man. A. J. McGill. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This wonderful Liniment is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. It is the most penetrating Liniment 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 L. H. Haring & Co.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. Wm. Keil, 678 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

What You Want!

And what we all want is relief from the gold standard and other class legislation and high prices for what we have to buy. I am in favor of the unrestricted coinage of silver at 16 to 1 of gold, and a tariff law that will enable us to buy where we can buy the cheapest and sell where we can sell the highest.

But really I don't see how dry goods can get much lower, in fact I think all prices on cornbuds, domestics and other dry goods will advance soon. I bought when prices were very low for cash and I am now loaded with bargains. If you want to buy cheaper than you ever bought before and will call on us we can convince you that our store is the lowest priced store in the county, and you can buy more goods for the money than you can at any other place. Call and see and oblige.

J. E. DOWNES.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system, and drives away allills. It makes strong the weak, and fattens the lean. Its tonic qualities, the best ever seen. 50 cents.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

If your children are subject to croup watch for the first symptom of the disease—hoarseness. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse it will prevent the attack. Even after the croupy cough has appeared the attack can always be prevented by giving this remedy. It is also invaluable for colds and whooping cough. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless 50c size.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, put two bottles 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 bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Lost his gripe—the man who took Cheatham's Chill Tonic, but he ain't kicking, and says it's a Lulu—Cheatham's Chill Tonic. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Cure guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

Clinton, Missouri.

Mr. A. L. Armstrong, an old druggist and 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." "rup. All who use it say that it is the most perfect remedy for Coughs, Colds, 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. 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

NICHOLAS II. IN PEACE.

Russia's Interests Are at This Time Opposed to War.

There is no safety in predicting any turn in a game in which a youthful monarch of Russia holds a strong hand, but, though many rumors have been running around about the new czar, Nicholas II., there seems no probability of his undertaking any inflammable role, says Col. T. O. Dodge in the Forum. Russia has so much more to gain in peace than war. Barely a third of her army has the new small-bore rifle, and it will be two years before the other regiments are so equipped. Her revenues are none too great. Russia needs her money for the great trans-Siberian railway, and she ought not to blow it out of the mouths of big game. No doubt there is a tension in many of the international relations, but that is always present, and diplomats are growing more reasonable. It is probable that what has been said of the character of Nicholas is in the main true; and this should lead him to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father and make Russia still the dictator of peace.

No man will be rash enough to say that war may not come. Every one of the continents has spots where an accidental outbreak, the blunder of an overzealous servant, may work such a hardship, actual or ideal, to some great power as shall call for an excited demand for reparation. It is in these spots, if not thick skins, are in demand; and it is then that the effervescence of journalists in search of circulationer notoriety does most harm. The human animal, according to his kind, is the silliest of all animals, if we measure him rightly. I know of no other that is capable of such irrational freaks, and it is on these that peace or war hangs by a hair. But, to resume, I do not believe, despite all the talk, that there is in the present status of the world a set of conditions which will lead to easy war.

The Darlington, Wis., Journal says editorially of a popular patent medicine: "We know from experience that Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is all that is claimed for it, as on two occasions it stopped excruciating pains and possibly saved us from an untimely grave. We would not rest easy over night without it in the house." This remedy undoubtedly saves more pain and suffering than any other medicine in the world. Every family should keep it in the house, for it is sure to be needed sooner or later. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

A Sweet Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Cheatham's Tasteless Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50cents.

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 the functions. Electric bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

We claim some things for Cheatham's Chill Tonic, but not everything. It will not cure softening of the brain or ingrowing nails, but it will cure chills—cold chills. Guaranteed. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless in 50c size.

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

I will give a 3 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate, The Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Cheatham's Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

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New Goods.

S. H. Owens has just received a new and fresh stock of groceries of every description which he will sell cheaper than any house in the city can possibly do so. All goods bought from him will be delivered at your door.

DRY GOODS.

He has also just received a select stock of dry goods and notions, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods etc. If you need anything in this line you will save money by calling on him.

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For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS.

The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILL ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies. Ask for DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS and make no other. Send for circular. Price \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., - Cleveland, Ohio.

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The COURIER, \$1 per year.

It Sounds Like a Miracle.

ONE OF THE BRAVE BOYS IN GRAY RELATES A REMARKABLE STORY.

From Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. C. L. Farris lives at Duke, a post office seven miles from Utica, and at the present time he is an object of considerable curiosity throughout the community, for it was he who was cured of a chronic case of rheumatism of over thirty years standing.

A Commercial-Appeal reporter having been detailed to see Mr. Farris, drove out to his store at Duke. Mr. Farris, who is postmaster, was busy working up the mail, but as soon as he had finished he acceded very cheerfully to an interview.

Mr. Farris is 62 years of age, but one would never suspect that he carries so many years upon his shoulders, for he is as erect, his step is as springy and his eye as bright as if he were only half that age. He is a perfect picture of hearty old manhood.

"To begin with," said he, "I suppose you want to know how I was cured of rheumatism? Well, it was remarkable. I had almost given up all hope of ever being cured. Why, sometimes I couldn't walk for weeks at a time. I suffered constantly and was never entirely free from it.

"I had tried two specialists in New Orleans, one in Vicksburg, one in Atlanta and two in New York and never gained anything more from them than temporary relief, sometimes not that.

"One day I was reading a newspaper and I forgot how which one—and my attention was attracted by an article on Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It stated that they were good for rheumatism and I determined to get some of them and see if there was any virtue in them. I went to Vicksburg two days later and purchased six boxes, and after taking the pills according to directions, the severe attack of rheumatism I was then suffering from vanished, and I have never felt a twinge of it since, and that has been over a year ago.

"Write you a letter for publication? Why, certainly, with pleasure. It will be nothing more than common humanity to sufferers from rheumatism to let them know how they can be cured."

Mr. Farris went to his desk and after writing a few moments handed the reporter the following:

Duke, Hinds Co., Miss., Jan. 2, '96.

"This is to certify that I contracted rheumatism during the war, in 1862, while a member of the Thirty-eighth Mississippi Infantry C. S. A., and up to a year ago I was a constant sufferer from it, sometimes being unable to walk. The first attack confined me to my bed for three months.

"About eighteen months ago I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which stated that they were a sure cure for rheumatism. I decided to get some of them and so the next time I went to Vicksburg I bought six boxes. I began taking them according to directions and by the time I had taken the six boxes, the rheumatism went away and I have never felt a particle of it since.

"I know that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are responsible for the cure. It has been over a year since I took the pills and I firmly believe I am permanently cured.

C. L. FARRIS.

Messrs. Terrell Bros., druggists, of Utica, corroborated in every detail the statement and letter of Mr. Farris, and added that since his wonderful cure, their sale for Pink Pills had been something phenomenal and a number of people had used them not only for rheumatism, but for extreme nervousness, and a number of other disorders, and all had derived great benefit from them.

Dr. G. W. Ellis and Messrs. S. E. Dudley & Son the other druggists of Utica gave substantially the same testimony as the Messrs. Terrell, and all spoke very highly of Mr. Farris and his standing in the community. Every one of them said that Mr. Farris' statement would sooner be accepted by the people of Utica and the surrounding country than any one else they knew of.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The devil can't overcome the man who knows that God is with him.

REDUCED RATES.

Houston and Texas Central Railway. STATE FAIR, Dallas, Texas.—One fare for the round trip, Oct. 9 to 25, good to return Oct. 26. Tickets with three day limit only, \$5 round trip.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD, Houston, Tex.—One fare for the round trip, Oct. 15 and 16, good returning to Oct. 23. From stations where one way fare is less than \$3.05 the round trip rate will be a slight advance over one fare.

BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION, Houston, Texas.—One fare for round trip, Oct. 6 and 7, good returning to Oct. 13. From stations where one way rate is less than \$3.05 the round trip rate will be a slight advance over one fare.

A man hopes that his children will not be as mean as he has been.

Novelty is what keeps the world from stagnation.

Bad weather intensifies annoyances and dilutes comforts.

There is no high fence between being careless and becoming criminal.

The man who has no secrets can defy the world, the flesh and the other fellow.

It is a wise idea not to accept offers of service until you know why they are proffered.

One peculiarity about political fights is that it is possible for all factions to get the worst of it.

THE JOKER'S CORNER.

CURRENT WIT AND HUMOR. ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Lurking Foe—A Unique Idea—The Bunco Man's X-Raise—Too Many Impossible—A Happy Man—Humor of the Political Campaign.

It is not the beauty of my fair close and closer, Though that is radiant, pure and rare, As all who know her, know, sir, 'Tis not her eyes whose jeweled deeps That draws me Would daze a fossilized doubter, Nor cushioned hair where Cupid sleeps— Nay, 'tis the way about her.

She has an air, this maid divine! That is than grace more gracious; Yet bids me all my hope resign, Dare I to grow audacious. Her charms may woo me from afar, And then I vow to rout her; But in her presence there's a bar— It is that way about her.

Fair lady, artless in thy art, Which charm is thy protection; No longer awe my craven heart By hints of cold rejection; Do not regard me with alarm— I cannot live without thee— But teach my willing heart—and arm— To find that way about thee! —Roe L. Hendrick.

A Lurking Foe.

"Well, what did you bring home from New York?" asked the storekeeper, as Mr. Ivigreen passed up the street with his satchel.

"I'll bet you'll wonder when I tell you," was his reply. "I've got a hull dozen o' them X-raises in this hero valise. A scientific feller who was hard up sold 'em to me down 't the depot for ten dollars. Tell th' boys 't come up t'-night an' I'll touch off a couple for 'm."—Puck.

Too Many Impossible.

"I see another medical college has turned out between one and two hundred new doctors. I think we are getting far too many medical men."

"There can't be too many for me."

"May I ask why, sir?"

"You may; I am an undertaker."—Up-to-Date.

A Happy Man.

"At last I have found a condition perfectly adapted to the freedom of the press."

And he drew her against his heaving bosom with such force that his shirt studs screamed with delight, and the matches in his vest pocket exploded in a paroxysm of joy.—Up-to-Date.

A Unique Idea.

Mrs. Dreamer—What funny wall paper. Where did you get it?

Mrs. Schemer—They are my marriage certificates.

Powerless.

At the amateur artist's exhibition, Briggs—"That fellow at the door had no right to take away my stick."

Griggs—"He was probably afraid that you would poke the pictures with it."

Briggs—"Well, a man has got to vent his anger in some way."—Judge.

He Knows Where.

"Oh, Mr. Daubsey how lovely! Is she your ideal?"

"She has been."

"Isn't she now?"

"No, I've lately become very well acquainted with her."—Truth.

Less fault would be found with that French songstress who announces that she comes to America to "sing and drink cocktails," if she would do the cocktail drinking on the stage and the singing in private.

A young woman bicyclist who got tangled up with a pug dog smashed her wheel and rendered herself unconscious. The pug, however, was not in the least injured and it is believed he is even a trifle more hideous than before.

Though not desirous of precipitating upon the world another popular song of the day on the order of "Tommy Atkins" or "Sally in Our Alley," it is impossible to resist the suggestion that the writers of these melodies missed the chance of their lives when they let Col. Pattie Watkins of the Volunteers get married without seizing upon her name as an inspiration.

Miss Eva White of Watertown, N. Y., has sued Robert Begg for \$10,000 for breach of promise. Eva claims that Robert courted her for eight years, and then married the widow Spicer, whose husband had been dead only twenty-five days. Girls learn from the sad experience of Miss White that prostration is just as dangerous now as ever. Courting for eight years. Think of it!

Lightning struck the house of Paul Summerson, near Montague, Mich., and split a stovepipe, cut a picture wire and burned holes in a table cloth, but did not injure any of the six persons within doors. It is clear that the members of this family were not born to be killed by lightning.

From the easy grace with which Li Hung Chang smokes cigarettes and the weird effect of his clothing one cannot but think that a beautiful dude the old viceroy would make if only he would part his cue in the middle.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

DON'T GET WET. TOWER'S FISH BRAND FISH BRAND SLICKERS WILL KEEP YOU DRY.

Erastus Parsons, who resides near Adams, N. Y., is imitating Li Hung Chang. He has purchased a coffin (a very plain one) for his own use and has taken it home so it will be handy when needed. Erastus is liable to dig his own grave yet.

A man who took a small sum from a church poor-box was fine in Chicago the other day on a charge of disorderly conduct. Had he taken a large sum he would have been accused of misappropriation of funds. Plain stealing is fast becoming a lost art.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit using tobacco easily and forever, regain lost manhood, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in tendays. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

It is better to be popular than right, in the minds of many.

Just try a 10c box of cascaets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

A virtuous body is frequently governed by an invirtuous mind.

The outlook is never so good as the uplook.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

Religion is like music; if we do not use it we will lose it.

Naked Pills

are fit only, for naked savages. Clothes are the marks of civilization—in pills as well as people. A good coat does not make a good pill, any more than good clothes make a good man. But as sure as you'd look on a clothesless man as a mad one, you may look on a coatless pill as a bad one. After fifty years of test no pills stand higher than

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8.17	2.29	8.59	SEABROOK	9.58	5.53	9.05		
8.45	3.04	9.25	TEXAS CITY JUNG	9.59	5.59	9.49		
9.15	3.30	9.50	GALVESTON	9.55	5.00	9.15		
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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

W. H. HARRIS, Pub.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

There ought to be a thanksgiving over the fall of Turkey.

Our minds are shot with moods, as a fabric is shot with colors.

More people get into trouble by being good-natured than by exhibiting mean traits.

Men often blame others for simply having allowed them to make fools of themselves.

When a man finds out what he can do best, he generally slights that portion of his work.

Young men cannot learn too soon and too thoroughly there is a great difference between notoriety and fame.

Tom Reed still wears the expression of a man who has found that his last winter's overcoat looks just as good as new.

Nevertheless Li has not yet inhaled the full flavor of western civilization. He has never been run over by a bicycle.

When the inventors succeed in making a dead bird fly we can begin to look for the solution of the air-ship problem.

Perhaps the Chicago man who was married on top of a monument Saturday will be disappointed when he hears that still more foolish things have been done this year.

Why do so many good people love to hear about sin? Although the sinner takes no interest in a saint, it is the latter who has an uneasy interest about the doings of the sinner.

The Armour's have received an order for eighteen car loads of corned beef for the Japan navy. Hurrah for the Japs. If they are not all right they intend to be. They have the cabbage.

The young Chicago Lochinvar who came out with his express wagon and wound up in a police station, while the wily easterner made away with the fair bride, is probably wondering whether he or the girl was the bigger fool.

A New Jersey match company has decreed that its employees must immediately visit their dentists to have their exposed nerves covered up to protect them from the deadly phosphorus. Perhaps the whole trouble with the Moore brothers is that they were so busy clipping coupons that they didn't have time to have their molars kept in proper repair.

David Kirk, president of the Pure Oil company, the combination of independent producers who are fighting the Standard, who has been in Europe for several months, has returned to Pittsburg, and announces that his company will continue the fight to compete with the Standard company outside of the United States. He found when he got to the other side that the Standard had bought up the tankage facilities at all seaboard points, some from agents of the Pure company. However, after several months of travel, he secured what he wanted, and will send oil to Europe to agents in competition with the Standard as intended.

A novel lawsuit has just been tried in Memphis, Mo. In 1899 Nathaniel S. Coe, son of Edward M. Coe of Knox county, was killed in a difficulty at a school house. William and Jesse Wright were accused, and Jesse Wright was indicted, tried and acquitted. This did not satisfy Edward M. Coe, the father. He erected a monument to his son and had engraved upon it, "Came to his death from violence administered with a club by Jesse and William Wright." William Wright sued Mr. Coe for libel for the inscription on the monument. The trial resulted in a verdict for \$1,600 damages.

A youth 25 years old was overtaken the other night while eloping with the lady of his choice and carried off home by his irate father, leaving the girl to meet him in St. Louis, provided he could give paternal vigilance the slip. An illustration of how anxious the modern girl is to hang on to a fellow, no matter how little he is worth, is shown by the fact that the prospective bride has calmly proceeded to the sleepy city on the Mississippi in patient hope that her valiant lover will be able to escape his watchful papa. Some matrons of this country, however, could tell her that there are disadvantages about marrying a man of so little spirit, for, while there is no doubt that he will split the kindling after she has threatened him with the rolling pin, there is the awful possibility that he may be too timid to meet the woman with the overdue bill and will leave that pleasant duty to the wife of his bosom.

AN ACADEMY BURNED.

FOUR BOYS PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

Spencer Academy Was the Official School of the Choctaw Nation—Everything is a Total Loss—It is Thought to be the Work of Incendiary.

Antlers, I. T., Oct. 5.—At 11 o'clock Saturday night Spencer academy, located ten miles west of Antlers, burned to ashes, together with all the furniture, and four Choctaw boys were burned up in the flames. Their names are: John Smith, age 19, of Toboxy county. He went to Spencer the day it burned. Daniel James, age 10, of Altoona county; Thomas Kuntotubble, age 16, of Jackford county; Wilman Wilson, age 14, of Blue county.

Those injured are: Alfred Bryant, of Blue county, bruised and burned in head and inhaled flames; Harris Fisher, of Red River county, sprained foot; Colton Bacon, of Wade county, leg sprained; Edward Clark, of Blue county, jawbone broken; Sam Springs, of Kiamitia county, burned in face, on head, back, shoulders, feet and hands. His condition is critical.

The origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary, as no one was occupying the room in which the fire broke out, and there had been no fire in it this season. Superintendent J. B. Jeter, who is in charge of the school, heard the flames popping, and when he got up the stairway was on fire. He ran on the outside and woke all the boys and barely saved his own family and the seamstress. The boys threw their beds out of the windows and jumped to the ground on them.

One of the boys who was burned was a cripple, and the other three were in rooms where there were no windows. It is said their moans and groans were heart-sickening in the extreme. Yesterday when a reporter visited the ruins what Saturday were five strong healthy boys were nothing but charred bones and ashes.

The fire is still too hot to get the bones for burial. There were two very large two-story buildings, which had been newly furnished with fine carpets and furniture. The buildings and furniture was valued at \$20,000, and are a total loss. Other losses are heavy.

The academy was built by the Choctaw nation, and 102 boys were there Saturday night when it burned. Everything is a total loss, as the nation did not carry any insurance. Superintendent Jeter does not know whether the nation is going to rebuild, as it is financially embarrassed, and is away behind with the school fund. Over \$2,000 worth of groceries were burned together with the house. Two beds was all that the boys saved except what they had on their backs.

Strike Nearly Over.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—The Canadian Pacific telegraphers' strike can not last much longer, according to the officials of the road. They claim that on three divisions, the Quebec and Ontario, and from the Soo to Sudbury, everything is working in first-class shape, and on other divisions matters are approaching a normal condition. Freight is now being moved in good shape. Squads of special constables have gone north from this city and Toronto to the North bay and Sudbury districts, where they are usually needed when there is a strike in progress. They strongly sympathize with the strikers and they even go so far as to abuse the new operators. Several have been practically driven from their positions, and it is to protect them that the police have been sent out. A special dispatch from Cartier, Ont., last night stated that a fight was expected at Warren, and a special train was being sent there with police.

Tynan Still a Prisoner.

Boulogne Sur Mer, Oct. 5.—A report cabled here from New York, that P. J. Tynan had been released from prison here, which was conveyed to New York in a private telegram, is denied by the prison officials. They state that Tynan is still in prison, and that the local authorities have received no orders to release him.

The prison where Tynan is confined is being closely guarded. It is believed that Tynan is being kept as a sort of hostage during the czar's visit, and that he will be extradited to London, should any untoward event happen.

London, Oct. 5.—A dispatch from Paris says: The decision respecting P. J. Tynan will be submitted to the cabinet council, which will not meet before Oct. 14. In the event of extradition to England being refused Tynan will be put aboard a steamer for the United States under a decree of expulsion.

N. N. Harrison, trustee of Monroe county, Tennessee, is missing. His books are short from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

A Fatal Wreck.

Osage City, Kan., Oct. 5.—A frightful railway wreck, attended by serious loss of life and made more terrible by the self-murder of one of the terrified passengers, occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning on the Santa Fe road two miles north of this station.

Seven dead bodies have been recovered from the wreck, and it is feared other victims are buried beneath the debris. The wrecked train was the east-bound passenger, No. 2, the same that had such a thrilling experience with bandits in New Mexico Friday night last.

The wreck was caused by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive. The engineer should have stopped for water, but being behind time he endeavored to run to the next tank. The engineer and fireman both met death in the wreck. The train had proceeded but two miles beyond this place when the two terrific explosions were heard, one following close on the other.

The locomotive was completely shattered. The express, baggage and passenger coaches came crashing upon the wrecked engine and the coaches that were ahead were piled in one heap on the wreck. The coaches in the rear were all derailed, but the passengers riding in the cars escaped serious injury.

The wreck was marked by scenes of the wildest confusion among the terrified passengers. The nerves of many were at a high pitch as a result of their experience with the road agents in New Mexico, and when the crash came the first impression of nearly all was that the train had been attacked again by robbers. One passenger, Wm. Beckler, of Los Angeles, Cal., en route to Chicago, seemed to lose his reason. When the crash came he drew a pistol from his pocket and in the presence of a car full of terrified passengers took his own life. Beckler had been drinking heavily.

Owing to the excitement and confusion little could be done to rescue the injured and remove the dead bodies until dawn. Seven bodies were finally recovered. The dead are:

Wm. Beckler, Los Angeles, Cal.; Engineer Struap, Topeka; Fireman Harry Hollister, Topeka; Wm. McAdams, tramp, supposed to be from Chillicothe, Ia.; three tramps, names unknown.

Among those injured are: Mrs. Emma Maxwell, an editor on the Telegram, Colorado Springs, hands and arms cut; Wilford Burrs, tramp, legs and arms cut; James Coleman, tramp, cut and badly bruised. None of the expressmen or mail clerks were seriously injured.

Forest Fires Raging.

Marquette, Mich., Oct. 5.—Destructive forest fires are burning two miles south of this city, along the line of the Marquette and Western railway. During the afternoon a brisk south wind was blowing, and there was some anxiety lest the fires might be driven upon the city, but a change of wind to westerly averted the danger.

Nestora Junction, on the line of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railway, seventy miles west of Marquette, is in serious danger. The junction is the location of much valuable railroad property. Forest fires are also raging in the immediate vicinity of Humboldt, a mining village of 200 population, thirty miles west of this city.

Yen Nieu in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Minister Yang Yu, of China, yesterday had a call from Yen Nieu, the imperial commercial ambassador of the emperor of China and his suite, who arrived here late last Saturday night. The ambassador, who is a Chinese official, has no diplomatic functions, but his business is of a purely commercial character, and he is making a trip through the United States and conducting an inquiry particularly into the state of his countrymen here. Mr. Yen says he is much pleased with what he has seen of the country and its people. He has received most encouraging reports from the Chinese merchants whom he has met. The ambassador will spend most of his time in San Francisco.

Papers Allowed to Enter.

London, Oct. 5.—A Rome correspondent says that owing to government pressure the sultan has consented that the Italian papers should enter Turkey.

The correspondent also says that the Duke of Sermoneta, the minister of foreign affairs, and Admiral Brim, the minister of marine, after a conference Saturday night, dispatched the Barbetto ship Rouberto to Syria. The Rouberto is an iron-clad of 13,285 tons displacement. She carries four sixty-seven-ton guns, eight six-inch quick-fire guns and forty-seven guns of smaller caliber, and eight torpedo boats.

Mrs. Benard Beers, a well known actress, is reported dying.

TEXAS STATE FAIR.

IT WILL THROW OPEN ITS GATES OCTOBER 10.

The Famous Military Band of Mexico Will be in Attendance to Give Concert Daily—There Will be Horse and Rabbit Races—Low Railroad Rates.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 5.—In just five more days the great Texas State Fair will throw open its gates to welcome the public, which will be Saturday, October 10th. A grand concert will be given in the music hall by the famous Military Band of Mexico City every day during the fair. On the morning the gates are thrown open to the public every department will be complete and the visitors who attend the first day will see as much as those who come on the last day. It is predicted that the races will be fine and make turf history of interest to the world. There are about 300 head of horses already here, and 150 more will be on hand. The purses aggregate \$30,000. The rabbit races will be a new attraction which will be enjoyed by all. Wire netting has been affixed to the fencing around the running track to hold the hares in bounds. The Indian ball games will attract much attention, because of their novelty. In Midway will be found the streets of Cairo, Arabs, Arab horses, oriental drills, donkey riding, and a long row of varied attractions. The famous "Passion Play" and a realistic presentation of "The Siege of the Alamo," will be noteworthy attractions.

The following is the assignment of special days, to which others may be added: Oct. 10—Opening and Children's day; Oct. 14—Live Stock Association day; Oct. 15—Shriners' day—Woman's Rights day; Oct. 16—Patriotic day; Oct. 17—Press day; Oct. 19—Colored Peoples' day; Oct. 23—Educational day. Low rates to the fair will be given on all Texas railroads and also by their eastern connections. Reports to the fair management indicate that the attendance will exceed all records. The crops are gathered, in the main, and farmers are coming from every section of the state.

A Fearful Deed.

Ben Franklin, Tex., Oct. 5.—Reports have just reached here that Mr. D. Knowles, an old citizen, and his married daughter were assaulted at their residence, about seven miles south from this place, Saturday night, and probably fatally injured by unknown persons. Reports are meager, but enough is learned to be sure that Mr. Knowles and his daughter were both assaulted by some one or more persons, and were very seriously injured on the head of each with an ax, or some blunt instrument. Robbery is suspected as the object of the assassins. It was known that Mr. Knowles frequently kept money.

From parties who visited the scene it is learned that some children who were sleeping in an adjoining room were awakened by the noise made by the demons, and the children made noise enough to scare off the scoundrels. One of the children states that he saw two men leave the house, but he does not know whether they were white or black men.

Mr. Knowles died yesterday and his daughter may recover. If robbery was the object the wretches failed in their purpose, as Mr. Knowles' money was found in the pockets of his pants, which were taken from under his head, as he lay weltering in his blood. About \$180 was found.

No clew, except a rather peculiar whisky flask, containing about a spoonful of whisky, was found outside and near one corner of the house.

Causing Excitement.

Waxahachie, Tex., Oct. 5.—A good deal of excitement has been created in the neighborhood of Avdon and Ray of late by the unexpected robbery of hair. Young ladies asleep in their chambers have arisen in the morning to find that some thief in the night had entered and cut their tresses off nigh unto an inch of the head. The people of the Nash community have offered \$100 reward for the man who cut the hair from the head of Mrs. Bennett, several nights since. A Mexican was seen in the neighborhood several days before the robbery took place, and it is thought that he did the robbing in order to get hair to make watch chains.

Serious Accident.

Terrell, Tex., Oct. 5.—Saturday evening W. A. Wimberly attempted to ride a spirited horse to his house, a distance of five miles, without saddle or bridle. As soon as he reached the edge of town the horse started to run. After he had gone about three hundred yards Wimberly jumped off, falling on his head and right shoulder. He plowed up the ground with his face for a distance of ten feet and was considerably bruised up.

Hurricane in Florida.

Memphis, Tenn., October 1.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

It is a conservative estimate to say that fifty people have lost their lives from yesterday's hurricane, and the number may run much higher.

News from that portion of the State where the storm first struck is very slow in coming, for the wires are down and railroads are impassable. Wrecking parties which went out this morning have not returned and it will be late today before the full extent of damage is known.

The hurricane struck Florida at Cedar Keys, and reports show that it passed in its path of destruction over twenty towns and villages and that between thirty and forty people have certainly been killed.

Cedar Keys is about 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville. The hurricane which had been churning the water of the Gulf first struck this place, a village of 500 inhabitants. The only report which has come concerning Cedar Keys is that the town has been swept away and many lives have been lost. This report comes from Gainesville, which is fifty miles away. Nobody has been able to get anything direct from Cedar Keys. Moving northeasterly the storm struck Williston, a small town, where eleven houses were blown down, one person killed and several so badly hurt that it is expected they will die.

Ready For Trouble.

Leadville, Colo., August 1.—Mine operators are preparing for the worst. Fences are being built around all of the principal mines preparatory to resuming work with non-union miners. The stockades to enclose the Ibez groups of gold mines, including the Little Johnny, the construction of which was begun by a large force of workmen yesterday morning, will be a mile in circumference and bullet proof in every part. All the families of the union miners living in buildings erected on the Ibez company's lands will be evicted. To put a stop to guerilla warfare on the hills at night it is proposed to place two flash lights at points so that the country around can be swept and the guerillas located.

Railroad Collision.

Terrell, Texas, October 1.—The Texas Midland and Texas and Pacific engines collided at the crossing Monday. The Midland engineer had whistled for the crossing and was moving when the Texas and Pacific engine whistled and started. The Midland engine lost its pilot, but the Texas and Pacific engine was pretty well crippled, and the Texas and Pacific cars were badly torn on the north side by the Midland engine. The Texas and Pacific trains received considerable damage, while the Midland engine suffered only slightly, though it looked awful equally for a moment or so.

Cranfill Libel Suit.

Paris, Texas, October 1.—The case of Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Waco, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, charged with criminal libel, was called in the county court today and continued until the December term by the state on account of absence of witnesses. Great interest is manifested in the case by Baptists throughout the state and prohibitionists all over the United States on account of the prominence of the defendant.

Accident at a Gin.

Buffalo, Texas, August 1.—W. D. Decham, living sixteen miles east of this place, was caught in the machinery of his gin late yesterday evening while attempting to oil one of the pulleys, and was hurt so badly that he died two hours afterward. He was one of Leon's best citizens and had been in the gin business for several years, and had just put in a new outfit of the latest improved machinery.

Sultan Pledges Protection.

London, October 1.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent reports a Constantinople dispatch which says that a committee of representatives of France, Germany, Austria and England has been appointed by the sultan to inquire into the causes of the late massacres in Kharpout, which were precipitated by an attack of Armenian revolutionists on the Ottoman bank. This dispatch also reports that the sultan's letter to Emperor William pledges protection to all Christians in Turkey except those engaged in anarchism.

A Consul Murdered.

Vienna, October 1.—Advices from Eclgrade say that the brother of the Austrian consul at Sereca, Macedonia, who was carried off by a band of Bulgarian brigands some two weeks ago, with a wealthy Greek landed proprietor and others, has been murdered, with four of his associates, because the ransom of \$50,000 demanded by the brigands as the price of their liberty was not forthcoming. At one time it was reported that the Austrian consul himself had been kidnapped. This rumor, it now seems, was incorrect.

A HORRIBLE WRECK.

SEVEN BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM THE DEBRIS.

One of the Passengers Loses His Reason and takes His Own Life—Boiler Explosion the Cause of the Disaster—Express Car Inmates Escape.

Osage City, Kan., October 5.—A frightful railway wreck, attended by serious loss of life and made more terrible by the self-murder of one of the terrified passengers, occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning on the Santa Fe road two miles north of this station. Seven dead bodies have been recovered from the wreck and it is feared that other victims are buried beneath the debris. The wrecked train was the eastbound passenger, No. 2, the same that had such a thrilling experience with bandits in New Mexico Friday night last. The wreck was caused by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive. The engineer should have stopped for water, but being behind time, he endeavored to run to the next tank. The engineer and fireman both met death in the wreck.

The train had proceeded but two miles beyond this place when two terrific explosions were heard, one following close upon the other. The locomotive was completely shattered. The express, baggage and passenger coaches came crashing on the wrecked engine and the coaches that were ahead, piled up in one heap upon the wreck. The coaches in the rear were all derailed, but the passengers riding in the cars escaped injury. The wreck was marked by scenes of the wildest confusion among the terrified passengers. The nerves of many were at such a high pitch as to render them frantic. When the crash first came the impression of nearly all was that the train had been attacked by robbers.

One passenger, William Beckler of Los Angeles, Cal., en route to Chicago, seemed to lose his reason. When the crash came he drew a pistol from his pocket and in the presence of a car full of terrified passengers, took his own life. Beckler had been drinking heavily.

Owing to the excitement and confusion, little could be done to rescue the injured and remove the dead bodies until dawn. Seven dead bodies were finally recovered. The dead are:

William Beckler, Los Angeles.
Engineer Strump, Topeka.
Fireman Harry Holister, Topeka.
Wm. McAdams, a tramp, supposed to be from Chillicothe, Iowa.

Three tramps, names unknown.

Among those injured are: Mrs. Emma Maxwell, an editor on the Telegram, Colorado Springs, hands and arms cut; Wilford Burns, tramp, legs and arms cut; James Coleman, tramp, cut and badly bruised.

None of the expressmen or mail clerks were seriously injured.

Want a Reduction.

Millville, N. J., October 5.—Whitehall, Tatum & Co., one of the firms who have held against this year's scale of wages asked by the Glassworkers' union, announced last night that a number of furnaces would be started up at once, and if 25 per cent less wages was agreed upon, work would be given the men immediately. Should the union decline, the men will be appealed to individually, and the places of those not accepting will be filled. The firm employs over 1300 hands and it is believed should the firm carry its statement into execution difficulties would follow.

Accidentally Killed Himself.

Chattanooga, Tenn., October 5.—The dead body of James Killer, a well known resident of Bronco, Ga., was found in the woods about a mile from that town this morning with a gun that had recently been discharged lying near him. Killer was squirrel hunting yesterday, and it is supposed that he accidentally shot himself. He leaves a widow and a large family.

Pasture Fence Cut.

Hempstead, Texas, October 5.—About ten miles of the "F" pasture fence was cut last Friday night. This makes three times this fence has been cut within the last three or four months. The company will probably not rebuild it on the present line.

Every lover of the light harness horse will be interested in E. B. Abercrombie's article on "Trotting Road Teams and Their Drivers," in Outing for October.

Suspicious of Gould's Yacht.

London, October 5.—The field announces that it has been decided to postpone the publication here of Mr. Howard Gould's letter on the subject of his yacht Niagara by a committee of the yacht racing association, on account of suspicions that the yacht's water tanks were used for shifting ballast in a way to give it an advantage. The postponement of the publication, the Field says, will be until the yacht racing association has had an opportunity to consider the question.

Train Held Up.

Denver, Colo., October 3.—A special to the Republican from Albuquerque, N. M., says that a message received at 10 p. m. stated that the east-bound Atlantic and Pacific passenger train, due at this city at 8:45 was being held up at Rio Purcio bridge, about thirty miles from this city. As soon as the train pulled out of the station it was halted by several masked men and the express manager commanded to open the door of his car. A general fusillade of shots kept the passengers terrorized. When the robbers jumped on the engine and compelled the engineer and fireman to uncouple the engine and express car from the train, Deputy United States Marshal Loomis, who was returning from the west, took in the situation and fired at the first man, killing Cole Young. The robbers then commenced shooting, and shot a lantern from the hand of a brakeman. Rumors are current here that several others were shot, but this is not yet confirmed.

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The Atlantic and Pacific company will send a special train of officers to the scene at once.

Death List Growing.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 3.—All efforts to reach Cedar Keys by wire today have been unavailing as the telegraph lines and the railroad are completely wrecked for many miles outside the town.

Further reports received today from interior points in the path of the tornado show that it was the most destructive storm ever known in the state. The death list is growing and the destruction to buildings, crops, timber, railroads, live stock, etc., is now estimated at millions of dollars.

The State Agricultural college at Lake City was badly damaged and many of the finest depots along the line of railroads are complete wrecks.

The large phosphate works in Alachua county were badly damaged and all the turpentine works in that section were destroyed. In many districts not a vestige was left of the growing crops. The storm was not expected in the interior and many persons were killed who might have sought shelter had they been warned. The people were panic-stricken and many rushed from their homes to meet death from flying timbers, limbs, etc. A panic prevailed among the students of the State college at Lake City, but while the buildings were partially wrecked, the professors and students escaped injury.

McCarthy Released.

Eagle Pass, Texas, October 3.—Conductor Jerry McCarthy, who has been in prison in C. P. Diaz, the past forty-eight days, was today released. The papers covering the whole of the proceedings in his case were forwarded to Mexico City directly after the test was made with the dummy in which it was proved that it was impossible for a man to be killed when thrown from a train in the manner the prosecuting witness testified Mr. McCarthy threw this man off. The Mexico City authorities issued a certificate completely exonerating Mr. McCarthy and stating that suit should never have been instituted. Thus a long and tedious case which has been of interest to railroad men throughout the United States has been disposed of and there is much rejoicing on the border. Mr. McCarthy was the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of the Mexican authorities during his long imprisonment.

Vessel and Cargo Burned.

Wilmington, N. C., October 2.—The Swedish bark Bernandi, Captain Westberg, was destroyed by fire while in port, and both vessel and cargo of resin are a total loss.

Palmer's Campaign Committee.

Chicago, October 3.—The executive committee of the national democratic party met here yesterday and selected a campaign committee composed of Chairman Hynum of Indiana, Vice Chairman Hopkins of Illinois, D. R. Lawler of Minnesota, W. B. Heideman of Kentucky, L. C. Krauthoff of Missouri, L. M. Martin of Iowa, W. D. Shelly of Michigan, E. E. Usher of Wisconsin, J. P. French of Indiana, C. V. Holman of Maine. It was decided to make especial efforts for carrying Illinois for Palmer and Buckner.

Trocha Destroyed.

New Orleans, October 3.—The Times-Democrat's Key West special dispatch says: Advice received here from Havana state that Antonio Maceo in his recent attack in the trocha inflicted terrible losses on the Spaniards, more than 1000 being killed and wounded. The attack was made at night and was carefully planned. The fighting was general all along the line, but was fiercest near Artemisa, where Maceo led a picked force of insurgents against the Spanish column commanded by General Aralaz.

A TRAIN ROBBERY.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TRAIN HELD UP IN MEXICO.

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Further Storm Reports.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 3.—Full and authentic advices from Cedar Keys late last night show the almost total destruction of the town and the loss of thirty-nine lives. This is believed to include the complete roll of the dead. At Shell Mound, a great pleasure resort near the place, a party of five men, three women and three children, were camping out. Some survivors, making their way home after the storm, found the eleven dead bodies strewn on the shore, under logs and brush. They were close together, which would indicate that they were simultaneously killed by the tidal wave. Eight other bodies have been found on the beach. Twenty more fishermen are still to be heard from, all of whom are probably dead.

During the hurricane at Cedar Keys the water came up with the wind, and down the principal streets rushed a mad torrent, upon which floated houses, boats and debris of every description. The destruction of property was as follows:

Four miles of the Florida Central and Peninsular railway, most of its trestle work washed away; four cedar mills and an ice factory badly damaged; the custom house and W. T. McCleary's fish house washed out to sea, and the big school building, the Methodist and Christian churches, the Beatty building and the negro church crushed like egg shells. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 3.—The reports that have been sent out concerning the loss of life at Cedar Keys are grossly exaggerated. It is so far positively known that twenty persons have been drowned in that vicinity. In addition to this, it is feared that the crews of numerous sponging vessels were lost during the gale, but as communication with that district is still impossible, any statement of probable numbers would be the merest guesswork. In the interior of Florida the destruction of property was great, but no loss of life is reported.

Returning to Work.

Montreal, Oct. 3.—Assistant General Manager Tait has wired to all points that the train dispatchers, who had stopped work, now had two days in which to consider the magnitude of their blunder, and that if they desired to resume the places they had voluntarily given up they must do so before 5 p. m. Friday, or their places would be filled by new men. The message also stated that many men on the Ontario and Quebec division and on the main line east of North Bay have already gone back to work, and that the company can fill every existing vacancy without delay.

Confederate General's Tour.

Emporia, Kan., Oct. 3.—Bright and early the federal general's party began its round of speech making yesterday. The first stop was at Osage City, where more than a thousand people listened to the speeches and cheered them. Stops were made at Emporia and Strong City, where speeches were made to crowds of people, numbering 6000 and 500, respectively.

Insurgents Win a Victory.

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The Spaniards were taken completely by surprise. They were roused from sleep to find a hail of insurgent bullets falling upon them. Gen. Aralaz and his staff, half clad, rushed from their headquarters and tried to rally the Spanish troops, who were panic-stricken by the insurgents' attack. It was half an hour before even a semblance of order could be restored to the Spanish column, and during that time the troops huddled together, an easy mark for the bullets of the Cubans. It was during this period of panic that so many of the Spanish troops were killed.

The insurgents had several dynamite guns, and these were used with terrible effect, the shells bursting among the Spaniards and striking them down by scores. The wounds made by the dynamite shells were frightful, in many instances men being literally blown to pieces. It is said that many Spanish officers were killed and that Gen. Aralaz himself was wounded. After Gen. Aralaz succeeded in rallying his men he made a retreat, and the Spaniards fell back four miles or more, leaving the trocha near that place in the hands of the insurgents.

Antonio Maceo did not pursue the Spaniards, but held possession of Artemisa until morning, when he retreated to his stronghold. Before the insurgents retreated they demolished the section of the trocha near Artemisa, blowing up the fortifications with dynamite. They captured six pieces of artillery and many thousands of cartridges and several hundred stands of arms.

Demurrer Overruled.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 3.—Judge Dunbar, in the superior court, has overruled the demurrer of the defendants in the case of Charles W. Norton of this city vs. William A. Neville, W. H. Martin and John Ballad, of San Francisco. The action is brought to recover \$750,000 damages for breach of an alleged contract made by the defendants, who are the owners of 100,000 shares, the full capital stock of the Rawhide Gold Mining company, through their agent, G. M. Pinney, to sell the full capital stock of the plaintiff for \$1,500,000, being at the rate of \$15 a share. The case now stands for trial upon its merits.

To Meet the Archbishop.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Mgr. Sbarretti and Dr. Rooker, of the papal legation, have gone to New York to meet Archbishop Martinelli, who is to arrive on the Campania, now due.

He will report soon as practicable in Washington to Cardinal Satolli, whom he succeeds as the pope's representative in the United States. It is reported that the new apostolic delegate carries with him the appointment of a successor to the late Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo, the names of Rev. Dr. Quigley, of Buffalo, and Rt. Rev. John M. Sarley, of New York, being mentioned.

Killed by a Train.

Ottumwa, Ia., Oct. 3.—The special car of Superintendent Levy of the Burlington, with a number of officials on board, was overturned in a wreck at Krum yesterday morning. None of the officials were badly hurt. Harry Moore, a flagman, was killed. The wreck was caused by a passenger train backing from the side track into a freight.

Aeronaut Hurt.

Paola, Kan., Oct. 3.—George B. Anderson, alias Snyder, attempted to make a parachute drop of about 3,000 feet. When the parachute opened the rope tied to Anderson's wrist broke, and he fell to the ground. His ribs on both sides were broken, as well as his right arm. The force of his fall made a hole in the ground fourteen inches deep.

Sugar Refinery Purchase.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 3.—The purchaser of the new big sugar refinery in Camden, N. J., is said to be J. B. Hawley of Galveston, the owner of a large refinery at New Iberia, La. It is further stated that a New Orleans syndicate will operate the refinery and that it will be run independently of the sugar trust.

Won Her Suit.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Rosalie J. Anderson of Richmond, Va., has been awarded a verdict for \$17,500 damages against the North Chicago Street Railway company in the circuit court. During the world's fair year Mrs. Anderson was injured while attempting to board a car. She sued for \$50,000.

The amount of reserve in the treasury a few days ago was \$123,785,561.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Austin can now boast of the handsomest opera house in the state.

Fifty natives of Assyria and Sicily bound for the southern part of the State, passed through Denison on a southbound train recently.

L. W. Culver, dealer in general merchandise at Kilgore, Gregg county, made an assignment the other day. Assets and liabilities not known.

Twelve wagon loads of cotton came in to Denison several days ago from Tishomingo, Indian Territory, coming a distance of fifty miles to market.

Maple Camp, No. 18, Woodmen of the World, took in about thirty new members the other night at Marshall. This camp numbers over 200 members.

Flem Baker, while working in a cotton gin at Stone Point, Kaufman county, a few days ago had four fingers and about half the right hand cut off.

The governor recently offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of Anse Lofton, charged with the murder of John Denton, in Red River county some time ago.

The Hillsboro, Hill county, city public schools are so crowded that all pupils under 8 years of age are cut out, and the lower grades put on the hall day plan.

Methvin Bros., jewelers at Temple Bell county, executed a deed of trust on stock, accounts, and land to secure their creditors the other day. Liabilities \$30,048.97; assets \$1400.

The Hillsboro ice and cold storage plant was destroyed by fire the other night. The fire caught from an electric wire. The plant was valued at \$11,000 and insured for \$4,500.

Capt. C. C. Calvert of Denison, received a letter from Gov. Culberson, a few days ago, appointing him Adj. Gen. Mabry's staff in the ordinance department, with the rank of major.

The district court at Oakville, Live Oak county, adjourned recently. Isaiah Givens, for biting off a part of another negro's nose in a fight, was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

Several nights ago Pinck Weener, 10 years old, was probably fatally burned by an explosion of powder. He placed some in a hole and aided by his little sister, ignited it. She was badly burned also.

Will Hutchings, colored, was arrested at Allen Farm, Brazos county, several days ago, charged with the murder of Tucson Baltrip, whose body was found in the woods near Wellborn, Brazos county.

J. M. Boggs, a painter, while at work on a scaffold at the Mickenborough residence in Navasota, Grimes county, fell a distance of thirty feet, several days ago, breaking several ribs, injuring him so he died.

A boy about 14 years old was picked up by the passenger train due at Palestine, Anderson county, early the other morning, at Spear, west of there. The deceased was terribly mangled, and has not yet been identified.

A perfectly preserved bean imbedded in a rock was taken from a well, which is being sunk in Paris, Lamar county, by Hon. E. S. Connor, the other day. It will be planted and it is thought it will germinate in due time.

The Sherman compress shut down several evenings ago, owing to a walk-out. A number of the truckmen made a request for a raise of their wages from \$1.25 per day to \$1.50. This the manager refused to do and the men quit work.

A. M. Young, while braking on a Texas & Pacific freight train in the yard at Terrell, Kaufman county, the other morning, was knocked off a box car by a telegraph pole. He fell from the side of the car, a distance of eight feet, striking on his head. He sustained injuries on the head, left shoulder, arm and hip.

John B. Smith, a Katy brakeman, was caught under the wheels of his train in the yards at Gainesville, Cooke county, the other evening. His right leg was broken below the knee and the flesh torn from the bone from the thigh to the ankle.

The two men, Ed Reausseaux and Joe Camp, were arrested sometime ago, in Dallas county charged with burglary in Forney, were tried in Kaufman county the other day. Ed Reausseaux was convicted and given six years in the penitentiary and Joe Camp five years.

W. E. Willis, dealer in drugs, Temple, Bell county, filed a deed of trust the other afternoon, to E. M. Daughtry, conveying all his stock of goods, wares and merchandise, for the benefit of numerous creditors. Liabilities \$4595.45. Assets not known.

In the cotton field of John Rayburn, at Talley's Mill near Montgomery, Montgomery county, Jim Keal was shot and killed with a shot gun, the other day. Keal and Rayburn had farmed together this year and had a settlement and fight. Paryburn surrendered.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.



EVER before in the history of the state had an advocate at the bar made such a strenuous effort to convince a jury of the innocence of the prisoner. Many years ago it was that the noted trial took place, but the scene all comes back to me as vividly as at the time it occurred, now that a startling revelation has recently been made, after the death of the judge who sat upon the bench.

Although not more than a boy, I witnessed the trial of Andrew Hastings with more absorbing interest than anything else in my life has since awakened. I remember the gestures, the impassioned face of Hastings' attorney, Col. George Harvey Palmer, and I can almost repeat the very words he uttered when addressing the jury. It was a wonderful defense he made—wonderful how he fought every inch of ground, while a chain of strong circumstantial evidence was tightening the halter about his client's neck. His cross-questioning of the state's witnesses was so exhaustive, his pleadings to the judge and to the jury so earnest as to arouse the sympathy of many in the packed courtroom. It was, as I remember, the first important case with which Col. Palmer had been connected in Monroe county courts. He had moved to Alabama from Virginia and had been in his new home but a few months before the Hastings murder case became the sensation of the hour.

Last week Judge James C. Garrow died in Monroe county, Alabama, and among his papers was found a statement, in connection with the statement written to be made public after his death. I have read that statement, and it, in connection with the trial of Andrew Hastings, makes such a remarkable chapter of court history that I have written it all down here.

It was in the days of the noted klu-klux klan, that organization which sprang into life in the south during the memorable days of "reconstruction." It is supposed that the organizers of the klan originally intended to control the suddenly freed slaves by appealing to their superstition, for the klu-klux gave birth to hobgoblins, ghosts and spooks, and was shrouded in the most profound secrecy and mystery. But the klan soon became chargeable with many inexcusable and outrageous crimes.

Some time in the spring of 1867 the judiciary began to take active measures for the suppression of violence attributable to the klan, or, rather, to the lawless bands calling themselves klu-klux, for the original organization had by that time ceased to exist.

On March 14, 1867, near the town of Claiborne, Monroe county, Alabama, Amos Bivins, a camp follower of the union army, who had opened a store in Claiborne, was found dead on the side of the public road. He had been beaten to death with a club or some other heavy weapon.

"Another klu-klux victim," was the public verdict, and with this the people were disposed to discard the matter from any further consideration, but Judge Garrow was one of the most earnest among officers of the law, who had decided the time had come in the south for the suppression of crime. He instructed the sheriff to make a most thorough investigation, and, if possible, to bring the murderer or murderers to justice.

It did not take long to fix the crime on Andrew Hastings, who clerked for Bivins. The evidence against Hastings, while circumstantial, was very strong. Having been raised in the south, Hastings had no love for his employer, who was regarded as one of the despised class of "carpet baggers" in those days. He finally quarreled with his employer when reproved for insulting the union soldiers and negroes who traded at the store. Witnesses testified to this quarrel, which resulted in Hastings being discharged, and there was an abundance of evidence to the fact that as he left the store he was heard to remark: "I'll fix the d— Yankee."

It was only two nights after Hastings' discharge that Bivins was killed. Two witnesses swore that Hastings tried to borrow a shotgun from them on the day prior to the murder. It was also proven that Hastings was heard to say when speaking of the killing: "The people ought to give the man who did it a vote of thanks."

Added to all this was the fact that Hastings could not account for his whereabouts on the night of the killing between the hours of eight and twelve o'clock. Bivins left his store about ten o'clock to go to his home, and it was presumed he was killed a few minutes after that hour.

When on trial Hastings stated that he had gone 'possum hunting alone, leaving home about eight o'clock and returning about one o'clock the next morning. It was for this purpose he attempted to borrow a gun. He proved that it was his custom to go on these night hunts by himself. With his previous good character, this was all there was for the defense.

But Col. Palmer made the most of it and fought the evidence of the pros-

secution at times with an impassioned manner that almost amounted to a madness. I remember an old lawyer in the courtroom remarking: "Well, I never have seen an attorney so thoroughly identified with his client's interests before." Col. Palmer's argument to the jury, as I said, was a most masterly effort. His face was pale when he arose and walked to the jury box. His voice, although stern and full, trembled as he cried out: "Gentlemen of the jury, God is my witness when I say to you that I am here to plead for the life of an innocent man."

He made but little effort to controvert the damaging evidence against his client. His address was mainly a passionate appeal for mercy for an innocent man who was the victim of peculiar circumstances. He ended his speech by holding the Bible high above his head and saying:

"As true as the Holy Book I hold in my hand, so true is this man innocent. I say to you, I know it. You may call it intuition if you like, but so sure as you convict him you will have the blood of an innocent man upon your heads."

The verdict was guilty and Hastings was sentenced to be hanged. The case was appealed to the Supreme court, and the decision of the lower court was affirmed. An application was made to the governor for clemency, and a petition bearing the names of many prominent citizens of Monroe county was sent to the chief executive. Col. Palmer was leaving no stone unturned to save his client. The strain and hard work was telling on him. He had grown emaciated, and more than once had been ill from nervous prostration.

The governor refused to interfere, but intimated that he might give the case a more favorable consideration if the presiding judge recommended a commutation of the sentence. This was regarded as a forlorn hope, the determination of Judge Garrow to suppress crime being so well known.

The day of the execution was near at hand and Monroe county was preparing to witness its first hanging in many years. Then, like a thunder clap came the news that the governor had pardoned Andrew Hastings. Not even a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment had been looked for, but here was an absolute pardon, and the murderer with a shadow of the gallows already over him was a free man.

It was some time before the people could be made to believe that the news was true, and many did not believe it until Hastings was allowed to walk from the prison unshackled.

The only reason the governor assigned was that Judge Garrow had requested it in a private letter, and the appeal was such as not to be disregarded.

But why did Judge Garrow make such a request? His honesty was above suspicion, his integrity was undoubted, and his firmness could not be questioned. Yet, after declaring his purpose to check the lawlessness then existing by the strong arm of the law,



I AM THE MURDERER.
he deliberately used the power of his office to free a man convicted of a most foul murder. What could it mean? The judge would explain. But the judge did not explain and his silence through all these years has kept the Hastings case one of the strangest of the unexplained murder mysteries of Alabama. When questioned at the time the judge said: "I had just and sufficient reasons for acting as I did."

Time and time has this case and its strange denouement come before my mind, and often have I tried to reach a solution which would be satisfactory to myself and leave no suspicion upon the memory of a member of the judiciary, whose character had always been above reproach.

It is all clear now. Judge Garrow has passed to stand himself before a judge whose justice, it is to be hoped, will be tempered with exceeding great mercy for us all. I have before me this statement, published in a Monroe county paper, and I give it here as the sequel to what I have already recorded:

"To Those Who May Be Living When I Am Dead: I believe if any shall desire to look into my life history they will find nothing that posterity shall be ashamed to read upon my gravestone. Yet there is one transaction of my career as criminal judge which demands of me an explanation. In truth, I should have been ready to meet that demand before I passed away, but I was so placed that my lips were sealed. The wrong (if wrong I did) was in allowing myself to be hampered, but justice to an innocent man weighed in the balance against unjust suspicion toward myself.

"This single act of mine for which I may have borne public condemnation was the part I took in securing a pardon for one Andrew Hastings, arraigned and convicted of the murder of Amos Bivins at the fall term of the Circuit court in Monroe county, Alabama, October, 1867.

"Without any attempt to criticize the motives of those who thought it wise amid scenes of desolation and lawlessness to hold in check the passions of suddenly freed slaves by an appeal to their superstitious fears, I, with others of the judiciary, determined that the time had come in the south to restore law and order. With the determination to make an example of the first case that came under my jurisdiction, I refused to interfere in the death sentence of Hastings. To this decision I clung, although daily importuned by Col. George H. Palmer, Hastings' attorney. Never in my experience on the bench had I seen such persistence and dogged perseverance as that lawyer displayed.

"He came to me one day—a week before Hastings was to be executed—and said:

"Judge Garrow, suppose I should give you proof that another man killed Bivins, would you recommend his pardon?"

"I replied that if the proof was such as to convince me of its reliability I would certainly feel called upon to interfere in the condemned man's behalf.

"But, judge," he continued, "you will have to give me your solemn assurance not to divulge what I relate to you."

"I demurred to entering into any such compact.

"Remember," he cried vehemently, "while you can wrong no man by your silence, yet if you do not listen to me you will allow an innocent person to die upon the gallows. I swear this before the living God."

"His manner as much as anything else overcame my scruples, and I gave him my promise 'so long as I live' not to reveal any statement he might make to me. Then he said:

"Judge Garrow, the man Amos Bivins met his death as an expiation for a crime he had himself committed. In Virginia just before the close of the war, with a squad of marauding soldiers, he entered the home of a man who was bearing arms in defense of the very fireside that was being ruthlessly invaded and desecrated. Mother and children had to flee in the night, and she, the mother, met her death from the exposure and fright. This man Bivins was the only one recognized, as he had sold goods about the community from a peddler's pack. The hand which laid the blows upon his head may not have intended to strike life away, but reason lost its sway, and there was naught to stay the avenger's hand but death."

"He paused a moment, and, letting his hand fall heavily upon my shoulder, he exclaimed huskily:

"Judge Garrow, I am the murderer!"

"He brought to me the hickory stick, dark in places with the stains of clot- ted blood. I reviewed his history, his conduct of the case, how he had expended money and devoted his time with no hope of any remuneration; I looked into his face, and I knew he had spoken the truth.

"I believe if it had not been for what he considered the justice of his cause and his little children, he would have surrendered at the first. It was undoubtedly his intention to have saved his client even if the last resource should have been to take the prisoner's place upon the gallows.

"There was nothing left for me to do but to urge the pardon of Hastings, and that I did. J. G. GARROW. "Judge Monroe County Court."

It is not often desired to resurrect unpleasant memories, but sometimes justice to the living and to the dead demand that the sepulchers of the past be invaded. So I have given this bit of history, believing that I am justified in doing so, even if I had to drag from its grave such a ghastly skeleton as the klu-klux klan.—Atlanta Constitution.

Condensed Poetry.
"Boil it down" is a pretty good newspaper maxim, but even a newspaper maxim needs to be obeyed with discretion.

Charles Metcalf, who has been writing advertisements for a drama in New York City, had an unpleasant experience in connection with a compositor of one of the great dailies of that city. Metcalf wrote a poetical advertisement, as follows:

From half-past eight till half-past ten,
You laugh and laugh and laugh again.
Imagine his surprise when a matter-of-fact compositor set up the advertisement and it appeared:
From 8:30 to 10:30
You laugh and laugh and laugh again.
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Got What He Called For.
"Here, waiter, can't you fill an order at this restaurant? I called for roast beef and a baked potato. Here's the potato, but where's the beef?"
"Undah de p'tatah, sah."

Bad eggs kill the market.

Peace on Earth.
There is once more enjoyed by the rheumatic wise enough to counteract their progressive malady with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. No testimony is stronger than that which indicates it as a source of relief in this complaint. It is also eminently effective as a treatment for kidney trouble, dyspepsia, debility, liver complaint and constipation. Use it with persistence for the above.

If you carry much insurance you will be worth more dead than alive.

A Household Necessity.
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels colds, cures headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Lots of people who started to fishing on Sunday went to hell, too.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children's teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

The young man who has no aim in life will sooner or later fall into the ditch.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

God's invitations are always urgent.

YOU HAVE BACKACHE

Get Rid of It!
It is a sign that you have Kidney Disease; Kidney Disease, if not checked, leads to Bright's Disease,

and Bright's Disease Kills!

Because the Kidneys break down and pass away with the urine.

Head the Danger Signal and begin to cure your Kidneys to-day by taking

Warranted Safe Cure
Large bottle or new style smaller one at your druggist's.

The first offense may be a mistake, but its repetition is a crime.
Woman had carriers in Austria got 28 cents a day.

Now Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the time when you should look out for the condition of your health. Avoid sickness by purifying and enriching your blood with
Hood's Pills do not cause pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

If it's a matter of rough skin, redness or sunburn, use **HEISKELL'S Soap**. It whitens and softens the skin. If it's eczema, tetter or pimples use the ointment—**HEISKELL'S Ointment**. It will cure any disease of the skin.

Soap 25c. Ointment 50c. At druggists or by mail. **JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., 531 Commerce St., Fallada.**

AVOID BUCKET SHOPS!
TRADE WITH A RESPONSIBLE FIRM.
E. S. MURRAY & CO., BANKERS AND BROKERS,
122, 123 and 124 State Building, Chicago Ill.
Members of the Chicago Board of Trade in good standing, who will furnish you with their Latest Book on statistics and reliable information regarding the market. Write for it and their Daily Market Letter, both FREE. References: Am. Ex. NATIONAL BANK, CHICAGO.

DO NOT KICK! TAKE CASCARETS!
This button with a ten cent box of **CASCARETS, CANDY CATHARTIC,** the ideal laxative and guaranteed constipation cure, sent FREE on receipt of five 2-cent stamps. Address: **STYRING REMEDY COMPANY, Chicago, Montreal, Can. 1 New York.**

WATERBURY'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHEEZY ALL LUNG AFFECTIONS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

PATENTS, TRADE MARKS
Examination and Advice as to Patentability of Invention. Send for "Inventor's Guide, or How to Get Patent." O'FARRELL & SON, Washington, D. C.

RODS For tracing and locating Gold or Silver. One lost or hidden treasure. M. E. FOWLER, Box 237, Southington, Conn.

OPIUM Warranted Pure. Est. in 1871. Thousands cured. Cheapest and best cure. FREE TRIAL. State cases. Dr. MASON, Quincy, Mich.

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When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

"It Bridges You Over."

Battle Ax PLUG

"Battle Ax" bridges a man over many a tight place when his pocket-book is lean. A 5-cent piece of "Battle Ax" will last about as long as a 10-cent piece of other good tobaccos.

This thing of getting double value for your money is a great help. Try it and save money.

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Try Ham Bone Tobacco. Each Plug Warranted.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co. grocery store.

George Calhoun failed to get on grand jury because his name was low down on the list.

Chew Ham Bone Tobacco. Best on Earth for the money. Manufactured by J. H. Cosby & Bro., Danville, Va.

Wirt Nelms of Pennington, Judge Gould of Palestine, Col. Gano of Dallas and Capt. Jack Word of Palestine were in town Tuesday.

Hon. Rice Maxey spoke to good audiences at Tadmor and Augusta last week and to a large audience at the court house on Monday night.

District Court begins next Monday. When you come to court or town, come round and call on the COURIER. Remember, too that we must have money to run a newspaper.

Public Speaking.

A. J. McCauley, (col.) will address the colored voters of Houston county on Friday, October 9th.

Do you ever travel? If you do you should take out an accident policy first. D. M. Craddock represents the old Aetna Life and Accident company of Hartford and sells 'em cheap. See him before you start.

The following from the Southern section of the county were seen on our streets this week: Dr. W. B. Collins, J. M. Worthington, Van Goodrum, Ab Thoms, A. T. McManners, J. C. Hart, D. J. Cater, Mode Barbee and M. B. Newton.

O. C. Hickey has bought out J. W. Williams' interest in the barber shop formerly run by them. He asks a continuation of their old customers trade and new customers invited. Every thing clean and neat. Clean towels and sharp razors.

The young ladies of East Crockett are talking of organizing a Kullip Cure Society. This is the latest fad and takes its name from a Catholic priest of that name. Those who carry out the principles of the society get up at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning and walk barefooted in the wet grass. It is said to be a cure for many maladies.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

DOWN goes the PRICES on SPRING AND SUMMER SHOES. BRING IN YOUR FEET and get them shod with the neatest, cheapest and most DURABLE SHOES in town.

SOLID low cut SHOES reduced from 75 to 50c. \$1.00 shoes to 75c. \$1.25 shoes to \$1.00. \$1.50 shoes to \$1.25. Also a beautiful line of HAND TURNED toledo in TANS, CHOCOLATE and Blacks, REDUCED from \$3.00 to \$2.50, from \$2.50 to \$2.00, from \$2.00 to \$1.50. These shoes are the latest styles being cut on the 20th century last and every pair guaranteed.

Remember my all SOLID shoes, for ladies, button or lace 75c.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Prices Regardless of Value!

We do not respect value, brands or prices in this sale. Most of these goods were bought direct from the factory and for less than value—therefore they will be sold the same way.

STAPLES.

Yard wide L. L. Brown Domestic, good weight, worth 5c, sale price 4c; extra heavy A A A yard wide brown domestic worth and sold for 7c, now 5c per yd. Bed ticking worth 6c now 4 1/2c per yd. Here is one of the best values ever known: A. C. A. Amoskeg feathertick, nothing better made, value 16 1/2c, sale price 10c per yd. Cotton checks 2 1/2c per yd; better grade, round thread, hard finish, 27 inches wide, 30 yds for \$1.00. Heavy quality, hard twist, wire thread 4c or 25 yds for \$1.00. Extra heavy, best goods in the market, worth 7c now going at 5c yd or 20 yards for \$1.00. Good heavy mixed jeans, worth 15c, sale price 10c a yd. Here is the greatest bargain ever known in jeans—best quality made, extra heavy, guaranteed all wool filled goods that was never known to sell for less than 33 1/2c, our price on this goods is 25c per yd. A bargain that you can't afford to miss—Cotton flannel, good quality, long nap, well finished, worth and sold for 5c, sale price 3 1/2c per yd. If you want something extra heavy and wide, only found in a few houses and sold for 10c, now going for 7c a yard. Yard wide bleach domestic 3 1/2c per yard. Full yard wide bleach, free from starch, worth 5c, sale price 4 1/2c a yd. Extra good quality yd wide Lonsdale finish 5c a yd. Genuine green ticket yd wide Lonsdale worth and always sold for 10c, our price 6 1/2c—don't miss this bargain. Calico any price from 2 1/2c up to 5c. For the best made, such as Oil, Simpson's, Windsor, Hamilton and all the leading brands that have always sold for 7c now 5c a yd. Dress goods bought for less than value and will be sold the same way. Hamilton alpaca worsted, all wool filled, always sold for 10c our price 7c a yd. All colors of double width henrietta, never sold for less than 15c, our price 10c a yd. Here is something new and very handsome—Silk finish brocade brillianteen worth 20c, our price 15c a yd. Ladies if you want something extra fine read prices and notice the width and quality of these goods. All wool each way, guaranteed colors as long as there is a scrap, full 45 inch Serge in black, tan and gray, well worth 68c, our sale price 39c a yd. All wool and silk Henrietta 45 inches wide, never sold for less than \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yd, any color, at 68c a yd. The best bargain ever offered in silk Henrietta. All the latest novelty, all wool each way, in all colors, worth 40c our price 29c yd. We beg to say that we have the best bargain in silk ever offered in Crockett. Silk in almost any color in 15 yard patterns worth 50c a yd for 29c. Shirtwaist patterns the same price. Ladies hose good black and good

length 5c a pr. Better grade of genuine fast black, seamless and stainless, worth 15c, our price 10c pr. Childrens' hose the same way only extra heavy ribbed. Mens' mixed extra heavy 1/2 hose 5c pr or 50c doz prs; Good quality fast blk stainless worth 15c, our sale price 15c pr. Ladies we have the best corset in the world—the genuine feather bone stays; the only stay that will not rust or break and guaranteed to be the best model fitting and the best \$1.00 corset in the world—having bought 25 doz of the one kind we got them at jobbers prices and can sell them to the trade at wholesale prices, 90c each. Don't buy a 50c corset when you can buy one three times as good for 90c. Ladies we have a nice line of John Kelly shoes and all who have worn them know they have no equal. Come while you can get your size. Our glove grain button or lace shoes for ladies sold for and worth 90c our price 65c pr. Don't fail to see our line. We buy and sell more shoes than any two houses in Crockett and believe we can give better prices. We sell a shoe for men in lace and congress that will cost you \$1.25 in any store in Crockett, our price \$1.00. Call and see it. The boys and young men are fast learning that when they want a stylish up to date shoe, hat, shirt, necktie or anything in that line they always find it at McLean & Wilson's. We have the sale of Wilson Bros' shirt and Earl & Wilson's E. & W. collar. We all know it impossible to equal these goods with other brands. We also have the Monarch shirt, always sold and stamped \$1.50, our sale price \$1.00. Also the Cluett collar sold all over the world and each collar stamped 25c but as we have said we neither regard brands, prices or value, our sale price on these goods 10c each or 3 for 25c. A beautiful line of neckties in Windsors, extra wide, all silk and extra length, worth 40c each, our price 15c; a nice and complete line of four in hands. See our line of scarfs, beautifully assorted in nice bright colors, always cost you 25c, our price 10c each.

HATS.

We do not boast when we say we have the best line ever carried in this town. Any shape. Call and see the line from the cheapest to the best in all styles. Do you need a suit of clothes if so see our line? It will cost you nothing to price them—from \$1.50 for suit for men, any size from 34 to 42, up to the finest suit made. Our \$4.50 suit has no equal.

We are not afraid to give prices on anything in our house and remember we will never have our prices beaten. These are all new goods, fresh from the factories and at prices as you have already seen less than you will have been paying. We have brought goods down and with you help will keep them down.

Notion Bargains—Eight dozen ager shirt buttons for 5c; horn collar buttons, same as you have been paying 5c for 6, we sell 36 for 5c; rolled gold lever patent collar buttons worth 10c each, our price 2 for 5c; cuff buttons worth 50c, our price 20c a pr. Children, if you are going to school, read this:—One 800 page pencil tablet worth 10c and a good rubber tip pencil worth 5c both tablet and pencil going for 5c—Did you ever buy them so cheap? Two hundred page tablet in best writing paper worth 12c, our price 5c each; envelopes worth 10c a dozen, we sell 24 for 5c; lead pencils 24 for 5c—good quality rubber tip worth 5c for 2, we sell 12 for 5c; 35 best slate pencils for 5c. Come and price our goods, we are anxious to price you.

McLEAN & WILSON.

B. E. Hail has moved to town.

Davis Moore gave bond at Tyler and is at home.

Large crowds have been in attendance on court this week.

Read dates for public speaking in this issue. Be certain to note dates of speaking of local candidates.

If you want the latest in ladies' collars and cuffs, belts, millinery and fine dress goods. Go to W. V. McConnell's.

Hon. R. M. Wynne addressed a large and enthusiastic audience at the court-house on Monday afternoon last.

When Jim O'Keef dropped out of active management of the pop. party's canvass, a big chunk of the brains of the concern quit it.

There were three hundred bales of cotton in Crockett each of three days of last week. Nearly 4000 bales have been shipped from here.

J. R. Sheridan is at his desk taking in the taxes. The best time (if there is a best time at all) to pay taxes is early when you have the money.

C. W. Ellis has opened up a first class grocery business in the glass front next to Haring's drug store. He carries all the best brands of groceries, canned goods, fruits and confectioneries. You will save money by calling on him. All goods delivered at your door.

M. B. Newton, Justice of the Peace for Lovelady precinct, turned over to the grand jury the papers in eighteen felony cases all of which were in his precinct. This is an unprecedentedly large number and never before in the history of the county has there been such a record from one justice beat. Something is wrong somewhere.

W. H. Rosser's child who was reported so sick a few days ago died.

Mrs. Jno. Kennedy and Miss Lucy McLean of Augusta spent a few days in the city last week in visiting relatives.

Those indebted to the COURIER for subscriptions will do us a great favor by remembering to call and settling for same.

Hon. N. B. Barbee left Monday for Cherokee Co. He goes over there to meet appointments of his in behalf of the democratic ticket.

We wish that the white people in the county could have heard Raynor's speech last Saturday. We are persuaded that if they could they never would vote for Frank Hill and James R. Burnett.

Of the two speeches delivered in Crockett Monday, that of Rice Maxey, according to judgment of those who heard both, was decidedly more able, exhaustive and pleasing than that of Col. R. M. Wynne.

Readers of the COURIER will remember the fight this paper made for better and wider streets and side walks. We stuck to it until we were exhausted ourselves and had exhausted the patience of our readers. We got no results. We propose now, as we did a short time since, to advocate the policy of the ladies of the town taking hold of the matter. We hope they can do something with it. Let them organize a Street Improvement Society. All the towns in the Eastern states have them. We hope the ladies of Crockett will organize and take charge of the question. We also hope the council will turn the street money over to the ladies. They can get better results than we have been getting from it.

The entire stock of window shades at Aldrich & Newtons Furniture Store will be sold at cost. Come quick before they are gone. Prices on furniture of all grades cut to the very bottom. We have numerous bargains which we may not be able to duplicate when they are gone. Don't miss this splendid opportunity to save money.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

S. J. Cellman to Ella Crenshaw. C. H. Ellis to Flora Scott. C. L. Sullivan to Patsy Crenshaw. Jim White to Mary Pennington. James Dardels to Francis Johnson.

Sent it to His Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob Esbensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co. at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does the work." 50 cent bottles.

For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Public Speaking.

Hon'ble Winburne Pearce, democratic elector for the state at large will address the people of Lovelady and vicinity on Friday, October 16th at 11 a. m.

I. Cone is doing a good hotel business at Lovelady. He keeps such a hotel as will draw custom. If you want to spend a quiet Sunday or longer and rest and have plenty good to eat, go down and put up with Cone for a few days.

S. E. Barnes & Co., Trinity, Texas, have in stock the following seeds for sowing fall and winter pastures: Seed rye, seed barley, seed Mediterranean wheat, bright red rust proof seed oats. Cash buyers of cotton, hides, furs, beeswax, etc.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by Lee Johnson, near Daly and estrayed before C. W. Ellis, J. P. Pre. No. 1 on May 30th 1896, the following described animals: One bay mare about 13 hanks high branded on shoulder a couple of Spanish brands also a Spanish brand on left hip, also one bay horse, about 14 hands high, white streak running down nose, left hind foot white, Spanish brand on left hip. Appraised at \$10.00 each. Filed for record Sept. 15., 1896.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 15. day of Sept. A. D. 1896.

N. E. Albright, County Clerk

The Royal Tailors.

The largest tailoring establishment in the world now has a representative in Crockett. Call and see their line of samples at Mistrot Bros. & Co.

They not only guarantee a fit but have prices that will please you.

G. Q. KING, Ag't.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President:
W. J. BRYAN of Nebraska.

For Vice-President:
A. SEWALL of Maine.

For Governor:
C. A. CULBERSON.

For Lieutenant Governor:
G. A. JESTER.

For Attorney General:
M. M. CRANE.

For State Treasurer:
W. B. WORTHAM.

For Comptroller:
R. W. FINLEY.

For Sup't Public Instruction:
J. M. CARLISLE.

For Com. Land Office:
A. J. BAKER.

For Chief Justice,
Court of Civil Appeals
First District:
GARRETT.

For Associate Justice,
Court of Appeals:
W. L. DAVIDSON.

For Associate Justice,
Supreme Court:
DENMAN.

For Rail Road Commissioners:
JOHN H. REAGAN,
ALLISON MAYFIELD,
STOREY.

For Congressman Second Dis't:
S. B. COOPER of Tyler Co.

For Judge Third Judicial District:
W. H. GILL of Anderson Co.

For Attorney Third Judicial Dis't:
J. S. JONES of Henderson Co.

For Floater:
N. B. BARBEE.

For Representative:
W. B. WALL.

For County Judge:
E. WINFREE.

For County Treasurer:
M. M. BAKER.

For Assessor of Texas:
GAIL CLINTON.

For Sheriff:
G. M. WALLER.

For Tax Collector:
J. R. SHERIDAN.

For District Clerk:
TONY GOSSETT.

For County Clerk:
N. E. ALLBRIGHT.

For County Attorney:
JOE ADAMS.

For County Surveyor:
B. M. JONES.

For Justice Peace Prec't No. 1:
W. D. PRICHARD.

For Constable Prec't No. 1:
M. W. SATERWHITE.

In an interview with a New York Sun reporter a few days since E. H. R. Green, chairman of the Republican State Committee said that they had worked up a perfect fusion. The plan for fusion is as follows: The republicans are to support the pop. state ticket and the pops and the republicans are to support a McKinley and Watson electoral ticket.

A scratch for Culberson is a half vote for Kearby.

THE very idea of Frank Hill, for county judge. Surely it is a huge joke.

If you want justice administered under the forms of law cast your vote for W. H. Gill.

Let every man and his wife, if he has one, go to work for Gill and the county ticket.

A. W. Ewing Esq. the able editor and gifted writer of the Palestine Advocate was in Crockett one day last week.

As the true inwardness of the republican pop fusion deal is unfolded, the majority for Culberson continues to grow.

REMEMBER that the race for district judge is one which involves the right of person and property of every man, woman and child in the district. Don't forget this.

WHEN any man or party shows a willingness to make any sort of combination for the sake of office, and indignant people should hurl it over board. And sooner or later they will do it.

KEARBY says he is willing to "fuse with anything, from the salvation army up, to get votes." For once Jerome told the truth, pumped out of him it is said by too liberal use of San Antonio beer and other liquids.

MARION Williams of pop "plenary power" fame, and editor of the Texas Pitchfork, (respectable people in Austin call it the spittoon) wanted to whip Bill McDonald, the colored politician, because he bolted the pop republican combine and is supporting the democratic state ticket. Bill was ready for fight but friends interceded.

WE call the attention of the colored voters to the letter of one of their state leaders and a prominent member of their state committee. They will discover by reading it that McDonald has kicked out of the traces fixed by some of their leaders and refuses to be sold out to the populists. He says the negroes of the state are for McKinley and do not want to be traded off.

Don't scratch your ticket. Don't cut out any name. There may be those you don't want to vote for. There always have been in the writer's experience. Not infrequently we have voted for men who were not on speaking terms with us. It is the case with the present ticket. But we are going to vote and work for it. This is not the year to scratch but to put in the ticket straight without a blemish from Bryan to Marion Satterwhite.

It is the duty of every democrat or other citizen interested in the success of the democratic ticket, to go to work for the ticket. Don't sit down and wait for the campaign committee to do all that is to be done. These gentlemen, we presume, are doing all they can. Don't suppose because there is a campaign committee that those who are not members thereof are absolved from working for the ticket. There is work to be done and much of it for every one who can do something and an imperative necessity makes it incumbent just now for all to work. A critical and grave situation confronts the party. The opposition is organized as they have never been before and are actively and ardently at work. Work is in order now, not for the committee alone but for all good citizens who do not want to see the county pass into the hands of our enemies.

W. H. GILL is worthy of the confidence of any people.

CULBERSON'S majority will range all along from 75,000 to 100,000 possibly 150,000.

Bill McDonald's "bolt" from the unholy fusion deal has thrown the Rep—Pops into the "jim jams."

MILLS and Hogg seem to be trying to outdo each other in their wild bidding for votes and support.

BUCK WALTON, nominee for attorney General, on the populist state ticket, has resigned and joined the democratic party.

As the campaign progresses, and the people are becoming posted on state issues, they are rapidly finding out that Culberson's administration has been a preeminent success, and they want more of it.

We can't understand how two parties of wholly diverse purposes like the republicans and populists can ever get together in a fusion. The underlying ground work of such a compact must be one of plunder and not principle.

JEROME KEARBY continues to flaunt in the face of the people the statement that Gov. Culberson spent the sum of \$4,000,000 for revenue purposes in 1895-6. In one speech he varied a little and said that amount was collected. He has not the honesty to tell the people that this \$4,000,000 constitutes the amount collected from all sources and for all purposes, and that of this amount the sum of \$2,544,060 was appropriated to the public schools. Nor does he tell the people that out of that amount the sum of about \$800,000 was used to pay off a deficit left by his predecessor. It always pays to be honest and fair with the people, but Kearby has not yet learned this lesson. He will learn it on the 3rd of next November in a most telling way.

Mr. Jerome Kearby still adheres to his statement that the tax rate under Davis was only 15 cents on the \$100 and herein he again shows his determination to deceive and mislead the people. As a matter of fact when Davis was elected the tax rate was 15 cents, but this was the rate levied by his predecessor, and the first session of the legislature after Davis' election the tax rate was raised to the enormous sum of 55 cents on the \$100—the highest ever known in the state's history. To this was added a local school tax of 100 cents on the \$100. Kearby has not the manliness to explain these things, and their very concealment shows the dishonest motives that actuate him. His speeches clearly show that he is either "fool or knave" and totally unworthy to fill any post of honor and trust.

ROSSER'S LAKE OF INK

If populist "fusion" leaders had to rely upon facts and truth to support their statements they would wither away in one day. It is unfortunate for the masses that these so-called "reformers" who stand at the head of the "fusion deal" in Texas, as well as the lesser lights who are doing their bidding, are possessed of such unlimited opportunities to mislead.

As an example of this sort of perfidy, we understand that Mr. Rosser, fusion nominee in this county for the legislature, is going around claiming to have in his possession a statement from the comptroller showing immense expenditures by recent legislatures for ink, pens, pencils, postage, etc. and that such statement shows the amount spent for each of these items. He has expanded the ink

bill until he has made a lake out of it.

Now the truth ought not to hurt anybody, and as a matter of fact we are informed by the comptroller that he has furnished neither Mr. Rosser nor any one else with any such statement. He says all such items are paid for out of the "contingent fund" which each legislature appropriates for its own incidental expenses and that they are supplied the members by the sergeant at arms whose duty it is to purchase them. Of course the members and all the committees and their clerks and secretaries, pages, and other officers, have to be furnished with ink, pens, paper, postage, etc all of which are incidental and necessary to carrying on the business of the sessions, and it would not be right to require the members to pay for them out of their private funds.

The stamp bill is the only one that is kept to itself, the other items being bulked together in the record.

We could easily wager "a dime to a ginger cake" that Rosser got his information from the Southern Mercury, and that the Mercury cannot show that its statement is authentic and worthy of any belief. We demand that Mr. Rosser either "show up or shut up." Let him either bring up his statement from the comptroller, or frankly admit that he is simply playing on the credulity of the people and trying to deceive them.

Instead of extravagance in the matter of ink, the closest economy is practiced. We instance an example of this old-fashioned democratic economy when we state that after the adjournment of the regular session of the 24th legislature all the ink left in the bottles of the various clerks etc, was put away in jugs, and with this ink the called session was supplied without additional expense on this score.

Does this look like extravagance? Let the people judge for themselves. Rosser's story is simply absurd and is all "bosh!" And on misrepresentation of this sort he hopes to be sent to the legislature. The people are "onto" his game and it won't work.

IT IS A TIME FOR ACTION.

Hon. W. F. Murchison of Augusta has already spoken and bidden his friends and supporters to rally to the fight. While Mr. Kennedy has not written a letter of that kind, we feel confident that his heart is in the contest for the ticket and that he is doing all he can for it. They are not men to sulk over defeat. They place the success of the party above considerations of personal triumph. The contest we are engaged in is a critical one and every patriotic citizen should bend every means to help carry through the nominees of the party. The nominees of the democratic party stand for the intelligence, the patriotism, and the honesty of our citizenship. It is no time for nursing old scares and sores of a personal nature. The lines of battle are drawn, the enemy in front ready and keen for the fray. Democrats can not afford to be fighting each other or lying in wait to get even with some fellow who in the past put a fatal thrust in his political plans. The writer has more cause than either of the above named gentlemen for going to his tent and nursing his wrath against certain nominees on the ticket. He can not afford to do it. He will not do it and we have been assured by one and feel confident that the other of the above mentioned leaders of the party that they will not do it. Let every one gird himself for the battle on the issue of which depends so much. No sulking, no halting, no scratching, but a solid shot from Bryan to constable.

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