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# Next Week.

Very Respectfully,

**W. V. McConnell.**

### TOM WATSON'S LETTER.

ALTHOUGH KEPT LONG, IT IS STILL VERY HOT.

Sees Light at Last—The Iniquity of Sewall, as Viewed by the Vice-Presidential Eye of Populism—Grape and Canister for Populism.

Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 11.—Tom Watson's famous letter that never came will see the light of day tomorrow. The letter is addressed to Senator Butler, and it says:

Dear Sir: Your letter giving me formal notice of my nomination by the People's party for the office of Vice-President has been received.

"As the time for beginning the Presidential campaign of 1896 approached, the Democratic party found itself in a dying condition, and it resorted to a desperate remedy to save itself from dissolution. It publicly renounced the Republican policies which it had already enacted into law, and professed the Populist creed which it had bitterly assailed. It was populist pressure which had forced Democracy to quit straddling and get down on the silver side of the fence. To remove the pressure by disbanding the People's party was to invite the Democrats to renew their straddling. These middle-of-the-road men said that they were willing to help the Democrats open the mints to silver, but that the Chicago

platform was after all, nothing but another Democratic pledge, and that Democratic pledges were at a dismal discount in the market. They insisted that the People's party ought not to disband until their principles had been enacted into law. Getting them incorporated into the Democratic platform was not quite equivalent to the force and blessing of remedial legislation. The leaders of the Democratic party, however, having secured Populist endorsement of Mr. Bryan by direct vote in the Convention, determined to secure it for Mr. Sewall also, and for this purpose they have resorted to the policy of fusion. Instead of meeting the Populists half way, the Democratic managers have demanded that we furnish all of the patriotism which the occasion requires, and they not only refuse to make any concessions at all, but they treat with public insult the party whose votes are necessary to Democratic success. In other words, Populism is allowed to furnish all the campaign principles, all the self-sacrifice and patriotism and the two million votes which the Democrats need, but they are not to be allowed to furnish a candidate for either place on the ticket. Instead of finding that our nomination of Mr. Bryan at St. Louis has led to a compromise ticket, we see that it has brought us to an unconditional surrender or a fight. All Populists

are expected to vote for Mr. Bryan, but no Democrat feels bound to vote for Mr. Watson. All Populists are expected to vote for Mr. Bryan because he is their nominee, but they are not expected to vote for Mr. Watson, although he is likewise their nominee. The logic which carries the Populist Convention refused to nominate Bryan until Watson had been nominated.

"As Chairman of the Populist Committee, the party certainly expected you to do all you could to elect the Populist ticket. Had you demanded Mr. Sewall's withdrawal from the ticket, he would have been withdrawn. I have a letter of yours in which you state that the Democratic Committee expected you to make the demand, but that you did not make it.

"From the prevarity of temper with which the Democratic managers have refused to do the right thing by the Populists it would seem that they prefer McKinleyism to anything which might seem to be partly a Populist triumph. Their subtle purpose is to couple Bryan's election with the complete destruction of the People's party. They mean to elect both Bryan and Sewall, both or neither. They cannot endure the thought that the victory shall be shared by Populism. They are willing to use the populist nominee as lever to make Populist votes, but not as an ally who had any rights they are bound to respect.

"The St. Louis compromise ticket should have been insisted upon for two reasons:

"First—Because Mr. Bryan cannot be otherwise elected.

"Second—Because the triumph of silver cannot be otherwise assured.

"To elect Mr. Bryan, the Populist votes are necessary, and he cannot get them if I should come off the ticket voluntarily or be virtually forced off by the Sewall fusions. If you and Mr. Jones think the Populists will vote for Mr. Bryan after they realize that Watson has been practically pushed off the ticket by fusion deals, you are making a large blunder. Bryan is being ruined by the efforts to force Sewall's election also. Populists will not vote a ticket which is all Democratic. In the second place, we must preserve the People's party from absorption by the Democrats, in the interest of silver.

The position taken in this letter will be bitterly assailed. Would that the pathway of duty were always carpeted with flowers! It rarely is. By making myself and the great party I represent a mere footmat for Democratic politicians to wipe their feet upon I could win much applause from that quarter. But if I were now lacking in the loyalty which was expected of me when chosen, I would grieve the men who have

honored me, trusted me, defended me, and loved me.

"In this reform movement, to which I have devoted eight of the best years of my life, I have lost much; but my own self-respect has not been lost nor the respect of those whose principles I represented and whose battles I have fought. Through good report and evil, through sunshine and through storm, I have been true to this great cause, and I shall not dishonor it now. I did not seek this nomination nor desire it. Had I asked the Presidential nomination of the People's party and gone to St. Louis to claim it, no power of the Democratic emissaries could have kept it from me. It was out of a heartfelt desire to help unite all the reform forces and at the same time to save my party and its principles from utter wreck that I agreed to accept second place on the compromise ticket.

"I stood ready to join hands with Mr. Bryan and to aid him in harmonizing Populists and silver Democrats and in uniting South and West, to end that we might achieve a victory against McKinley and McKinleyism. Fusion with Bryan meant no sacrifice of principle fusion with Sewall does. No one regrets more profoundly than I do that the Democratic managers have so shaped the cam-

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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Porter's Springs, on Tuesday, December 22, 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of voting precinct No. 11, of Houston county. A. B. Mulligan has been appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That on the 22nd day of December 1896 an election will be held at Enon Church to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at a point 1 1/2 miles North of Enon church, thence East 1 mile, thence South 2 1/2 miles, thence West 2 1/2 miles, thence North 2 1/2 miles, thence East 1 1/2 miles. J. F. Garrett is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election will be held at Augusta on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within Justice precinct No. 2 of Houston county. John Kennedy is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election will be held at J. R. McIver's ranch in Houston county on the 22nd day of December, 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following limits to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Kellison Creek where it empties into Trinity River. Thence up said creek to the Clapps Ferry and Lovelady road. Thence west with said road to where it intersects the east line of the J. A. Robinson survey. Thence south with said east line to where it intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the Douglass survey to the north-east corner of same. Thence west to Lost Creek. Thence down said Lost Creek to where it empties into Big or Rackard's Creek. Thence up said Big or Rackard's Creek to the north-east corner of the John Durst survey. Thence west with said survey to the north-west corner of same. Thence south with the west line of said John Durst survey to the Trinity river. Thence down said Trinity river to the place of beginning. L. L. Hall is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election be held at Grapeland on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river. Thence with the Navarro road to Big Elkhart Creek. Thence down said Elkhart Creek to the Linwood and Crockett road. Thence east with said road to where the line of Justice precinct No. one crosses said road. Thence north with said line to where it connects with Justice's precincts No. 5 and No. 2. Thence with said Justice's precinct No. 5 and No. 2 line to the Houston and Anderson county line. Thence with said county line to the Trinity river. Thence with said river to the Navarro road. H. C. Leaverton is appointed manager of said election. No person shall vote at said elections unless he be a freeholder and qualified voter under the constitution and laws of this state. Voters desiring to prevent the animals named from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words "For the stock law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots the word, "Against the stock law." This November 17th, 1896.

A. A. ALDRICH,  
Co. Judge Houston Co.

paign that the South has again been told that she must grovel in the dust and let an eastern plutocrat set his foot upon her neck.

"Nor does any one regret more than I do that the Democratic managers, in shaping their fusion deals, have considered those Populists only who were getting loaves and fishes. They have lost sight of the great army of the privates, whose honest hearts and sincere souls from the strength of the re-enforcement. Mr. Bryan needs these Populists of the rank and file, who have the spirit of crusaders, and they would die for a principle more quickly than they would sell. These men will not vote for Sewall nor Sewall electors. If Senators Jones and Gorman really wish to defeat McKinley let them lose no time in recognizing the truth.

Yours, &c., THOS. E. WATSON,  
Thompson, Ga., Oct. 14 1896.

Several Failures.

Crockett had a couple of failures Wednesday and Grapeland had one on Monday last.

John Murchison & Son filed a deed of trust on Wednesday the 18th naming H. F. Moore trustee, transferring their entire stock of Merchandise fixtures and nine different tracts of land. Assets placed at \$5000, naming preferred creditors as follows:—1st. Adams & Adams \$400. 2nd. First National Bank \$344.11. 3rd. Dr. J. L. Lipscomb \$200. 4th. A. LeGory \$175. 5th. A. B. Burton \$500.39.

Jno. Beckham transferred his entire livery business to A. H. Wootters and W. H. Denny, Jr. in sum of \$1000.

B. F. Hill of Grapeland filed a deed of trust on the 16th, naming James Owens trustee, conveying his entire stock of goods, merchandise and all notes and accounts to secure the following preferred creditors:—1st. Crook & Crook attorneys \$150. 2nd. Parker & Owens \$1100.70. 3rd. James Owens \$185. 4th. P. J. Willis & Bros. of Galveston, \$500. Goods amounted to \$1500.

Wedding Bells

The social event of the year was witnessed at the first Presbyterian church Wednesday night, the 18th, in the solemnization of the rights of matrimony.

The high contracting parties were Miss Mary Wootters, daughter of Maj. J. C. Wootters, and the Rev. R. E. Morris, pastor of the first Baptist church of this city.

The church was most handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the most beautiful song was rendered by Miss Minnie Wall followed by strains of sweet music (the wedding march) rendered by Miss Hattie Belle Arledge, assisted by Miss Agnes Bruner with violin, Prof. Bergman on cornett and Johnson Arledge on clarinet.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. F. Tenney pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. S. Mathis, pastor of the Methodist church.

The attendants were Geo. Aldrich, Miss Narcie Bayne, Dr. Jay Collins, Miss Ethel Wootters, John Smith Jr. Miss Anne Wall, Dr. J. S. Wootters, Miss Bertha Mangum, T. D. Craddock, Miss Lillie Webb, J. Carrol Downes, Miss Bob Bowers, Master Jay Hail and Miss Emily Smith, page and goddess of flowers strowing the pathway of the bride with beautiful flowers.

Miss Grace Smith was the queen. My maid of honor and Walker King was best man.

After the ceremony the friends of the bride and groom gathered at the residence of the bride's father and regaled themselves on the good things provided.

The presents were numerous, costly and beautiful.

The Courier extends to them it's best wishes and hopes that the beginning may be but the forecast of a long, useful and happy life.

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Mistrial.

The Jack Knox case was taken up last week on Thursday and stubbornly contested by both sides. A big array of witnesses was examined. The case went to the jury on Saturday evening. After wrestling with it for two days they failed to agree and were discharged. At first they stood for acquittal to 3 for conviction. Finally they stood 10 for acquittal to 2 for conviction. Henry O'Neil and Jonathan Harrison holding out for conviction to the end. The court house was crowded during the trial thereby evincing the public interest in the case. Public sentiment was generally in favor of the theory that the state had the guilty parties but a good many thought that the state failed to make out a case—at least there was ground for a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jurors. All these cases go over till next term.

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But really I don't see how dry goods can get much lower, in fact I think all prices on osaburgs, 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.

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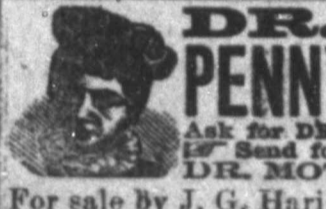
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# THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Offering often puts into the human voice a tone that seems divine.

Few young men ever appreciate how much their sisters do for them.

Not until we know a man's heart, have we any right to say that we know him.

The election returns show that there is a large number of false prophets in the land.

May a man has lost his job simply because he did not keep quiet until spoken to.

The man who can adapt himself to all kinds of society is not an ornament to any sort.

The man who says no to himself in nothing has the devil for a traveling companion.

It is what you do when not at work that mainly forms character and causes success or failure.

The man who thinks more of amusement than he does of business never really enjoys either.

Sympathy is a very fine thing in the abstract, but it hasn't saved a great number of Armenian lives.

The public has no right to inquire into a man's affairs beyond the extent necessary for self protection.

The devil almost gains our consent to stay when he proves that nobody else is doing anything to make him so.

Every mother should train her children as carefully as she would if she knew they were to be kings and queens.

And it should be distinctly understood that the 800,000 bushels of wheat in the Chicago elevators that burned was real wheat.

The inventor of the corn-cob pipe has just died, but the discoverer of the cabbage-leaf as a substitute for tobacco lives on in his infamy.

Some genius has invented a "skate" bicycle to ride on winter roads and it promises to become the fashionable fad in England and on the continent this winter. It is claimed that twelve miles an hour can be accomplished with perfect ease, and the skates are attached in such a way that if the rider comes to a piece of road destitute of snow or ice he can almost instantly detach the skates and ride the wheel in the ordinary manner until he strikes good skating ground again.

The liability of employers for damages to workmen injured while in their employ is likely to benefit dentists. The exposure of a tooth in which there is the slightest decay of the enamel to the fumes of phosphorus means the death of the tooth. Not long since an employe of a match company lost his teeth, then died, and his widow received a large sum from the company. Immediately another match company called in a dentist to inspect the teeth of its employes. It was found that out of two hundred young women sixty had defective teeth. Whereupon the company ordered them to go to a dentist or to go out of the company's employ.

In a room in the city of Cambridge, Mass., is a lens that it is thought will enable the human eye to look further into space than human eye has ever penetrated. The lens is to be used in a telescope near the city of Chicago, and all persons interested in astronomy are eager to know what it may reveal. There is an object-glass in use in California that is less powerful, but it is more favorably situated than the new glass will be. Each was made by the world's most famous artisan in his line, and the result of the test with the new lens will be awaited by none more anxiously than by Alvan Clark, who has done more than any other man to enable the human eye to penetrate the mysteries of space.

Doctor Boyd relates in his "Last Years at St. Andrews," that he once received a letter from a town in the United States, in which the writer stated that he went to his room every Sunday morning and read aloud one of Doctor Boyd's sermons. Lest this fact, without precedent, might unduly elate the preacher, he recalls what a dear old sufferer in his Edinburgh congregation once told him, with the kindest intention: "When I can't sleep at night, I say to my husband, 'Oh, read me one of my dear minister's sermons.' And he has not read five minutes when I am sound asleep!" "I am glad to hear it," replied the genial pastor; "though it was not for that purpose the sermons were published."

## CRAZED BY RELIGION.

### A WHOLE FAMILY LOSE THEIR REASON.

Stock Company Formed to Build a Railroad to China to Get Their Trade—Close of The Second Annual Exhibition of the Coast Fair at Dickinson.

Bowmanville, O. T., November 13.—A most extraordinary case of religious mania is reported from a farm house near the Long Sault. There, for a number of years, resided Elija Rice, his wife and his fifteen children. The eldest son, Louis, 22 years of age, recently became insane and announced himself as the "Prince of the Sand Hills," and declared that Christ had appointed him to reform the world. The mania extended to the father, mother and the other children, who neglected the farm and spent their time singing and praying. Recently the father conceived the idea that Louis was pursued by the devil and that it must be beaten out of him. Louis was knocked down with the leg of a chair and Mr. and Mrs. Rice and two of the sons pounded him into insensibility. When this was accomplished they were satisfied that the devil was driven out. The next move was to celebrate the Feast of the Passover and one of the little children was to be sacrificed as the "paschal lamb." One of the sons, a mere boy, told this to a clergyman, who informed the police. On visiting the farm they found Rice and his son Louis suffering from intense mania and had them removed to Kingston insane asylum. The doctor thinks that the other members will recover.

Dickerson, Texas, November 16.—The second annual fair and racing season of the Texas Coast Fair association closed yesterday with an attendance of probably 1500 people. The fair has not been a success financially, but so far as its exhibits and the amusement furnished the lovers of the turf are concerned it has been a success and much good will no doubt result to the coast country from this fair. The officers of the fair associations have worked very hard for the success of the enterprise, and especially is this true of Secretary F. W. Melly, Major Phil E. Peers, Mr. L. V. Elder, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Settle, W. A. Saunders, Assistant Secretary Eldridge and others. That the fair did not draw big crowds daily is no fault of the management, and those who engineered the enterprise are to be congratulated upon the excellent results of their labors.

Chicago, November 13.—The Tribune says: One million dollars has been subscribed and plans are being matured for the formation in Chicago within two weeks of a gigantic commercial enterprise to be known as the English-American-Chinese Railway Construction company, which is to enter the field of Chinese trade as the rival of the American Trading company. The object is to eventually obtain control of American trade in the Flowery Kingdom. Twenty-three miles of railway, equipped with the most improved appliances and rolling stock, will be built. Most of the capital, it is said, will be put in by Americans, and they also supply the equipment of the road.

Hudson, N. Y., November 16.—Dr. W. H. Stickler, a physician of Philmont, shot himself last night and is not expected to live more than a few hours. Two shots were fired from a pistol, both bullets taking effect just below the right eye. He was in the house with his wife at the time. Dr. Stickler has been prominent in politics and is well known in all the Hudson river towns.

Washington, November 16.—Secretary Morton in his annual report, which will shortly be made public, will review the economical features of his administration and cite figures to show that he has recovered back into the treasury \$2,900,000 of the appropriation for the agricultural department during the four years, or \$500,000 each year. This is in the neighborhood of 20 per cent of the appropriations for the year. One of the principal features will be a lengthy refutation of the claims of what he calls "calamity howlers."

Colmesneil, Texas, November 16.—Some two weeks ago the report was circulated in this locality that Mr. J. B. McCormick, a former citizen here, had been killed at his home in Lufkin. Much anxiety has been excited among his friends in consequence of the report, which was erroneous, and many have not yet learned the falsity of the report. Parties, arriving here from Lufkin since the alleged tragedy say that there is no foundation for such report. Mr. McCormick not having been assaulted or in any wise molested.

Washington, November 17.—It is rumored here on authority that the Spanish government has given General Weyler to understand that he must push his operations against the insurgents aggressively and vigorously. Unless he soon achieves a victory it is believed he will be recalled.

General Weyler, it is understood, is aware of the alternative, and his present campaign in Pinar del Rio is expected to result in an engagement that will put a new aspect on the Cuban situation one way or the other. The campaign, therefore, has become to him a personal matter, and with the knowledge that his prestige and rank are at stake, Havana cables are being watched with interest for news of more important battle than skirmishes and guerilla fights that have thus far come.

General Weyler has all the troops he can use. There are over 200,000 Spanish soldiers in Cuba and the force under the captain general in his present operations in the field in person is 60,000, Maceo, against whom he is now operating, has under him, it is estimated, about 2000 men. Spain having fulfilled all of General Weyler's wishes as to troops, now expects results from him.

Consul General Lee has acquainted the administration with these facts, and the president is at present patiently waiting events, and will shape his course by development.

Private Letter Boxes.

New York, November 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says the postal officials are anxious to secure legislation during the next session of congress to regulate the use of private letter boxes, which, it is said, afford great facilities for persons engaged in fraudulent exercises. In Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other large cities the private letter boxes have become a fixed institution. The system has grown to wonderful proportions in New York and the boxes are used by men and women for clandestine correspondence, and by criminals. "We are not trying to regulate the merits of the postoffice," said the First Assistant Postmaster General Jones, "we are simply trying to protect them from frauds. We object to the use of these boxes by persons whose sole aim is to defraud people. When these people hide behind the private letter box, I can not understand why the department should be criticised for following them."

Sailors' Narrow Escape.

New York, November 17.—Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the Ward liner Yuecan from Havana were Captain Nelson and twelve of the crew of the British schooner Zola, which ran ashore on Colorado reef November 4. Later the steamer got off into deep water and Captain Nelson attempted to run her across the strait to Key West, but the water gained so rapidly that they abandoned the steamer, which shortly afterwards sank in deep water. The seamen landed on the Cuban coast about sixty miles west of Havana, where they fell into the hands of Spanish soldiers. The Spaniards believing them to be filibusters from the American coast, treated the prisoners harshly, threatening to shoot all hands. Finally they were removed to Havana, where they were taken in charge by the British consul who sent them to New York.

Supreme Court Decision.

Washington, November 17.—The United States supreme court yesterday rendered an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the Wright Irrigation law of California, and overruling the decision of the United States circuit court for the California district, which was against the law's validity. The case in which the opinion was rendered was that of the Fallbrook Irrigation company vs. Maria King Bradley.

Damaged by Smoke.

Fort Worth, Texas, November 17.—Shortly after midnight Sunday night fire was discovered in the rear of Washer Bros' clothing store. A quick alarm and the prompt response of the fire department alone prevented what would have proved a disastrous conflagration as it was in the heart of the business section. The building was damaged somewhat but the heaviest loss will be from the goods injured by smoke and water, and which can not be ascertained until they are overhauled and invoiced. It is supposed that the fire was originated by electric wires.

Sensational War Fake.

Jacksonville, Fla., November 17.—Not the slightest foundation exists for the lurid story of a sanguinary battle in progress in Cuba that was published in yesterday's dispatches from this city. The fictitious character of the story appears in the first sentence, which pretends that "cipher dispatches" have just been received from Pinar del Rio. No cipher dispatches can be transmitted from Havana under the present censorship. No such place as Gaggga appears on the largest official map of Cuba.

## SEVERE SNOW STORM.

### TWO SCHOONERS WERE DRIVEN ASHORE.

The Life Saving Crew Succeeded in Rescuing the Crew of Five Men Off One Schooner—The Wind Blew Forty Miles an Hour.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 14.—The schooner Brenton drove ashore just east of the river piers yesterday morning in a terrific storm of wind and snow. The life saving crew succeeded, after much difficulty, in rescuing the crew of five men. The schooner is pounding hard and will soon be a total wreck.

The schooner Marine City, coal laden, was also blown ashore near the river entrance, but pulled off without serious damage.

The wind was blowing forty miles an hour from the northwest accompanied by a blinding snow storm.

Warlike Rumor Denied.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Concerning the report coming from the west to the effect that the war department because of trouble with Spain has been making inquiries of trunk line railways running to the gulf coast, and along the southern seaboard as to their facilities for moving war supplies, it can be stated that the only inquiry made within the past year by the war department on this subject was one intended to ascertain the cost of executing the order and about six weeks ago by the secretary of war, looking to the annual exchange of stations of troops.

A regiment of troops in California and further north on the Pacific coast was ordered to exchange stations with troops that had been serving in the east and in Florida and the quartermaster's department took steps to ascertain in advance the cost of the proposed movement in order to make sure that it would be within the available appropriation for the movement of troops. Of course this had no warlike aspect whatever, for this same number of troops that were added the department of the east were carried west to take their station in the department of California and Columbia.

A flat denial is also given by the best authorities to another sensational story to the effect that the department has warned Spain against further outrageous treatment of American commercial agents doing business in Cuba. It is stated that owing to radical organic differences in the systems of customs collections pursued by Spain and by the United States and the absence from the Spanish system of what is known in this country as post invoices, American shipping has been more or less embarrassed by detentions growing out of failures to observe the technical requirements of the Cuban customs system. But this has been the case for years past and it is said that nothing has happened recently to cause any strain of the relations between the two governments on this score.

Escaped Jail.

Toledo, O., Nov. 14.—Frank Crawford, alias Harry or Harvey Davis, broke jail here at an early hour in the morning by sawing his way through the iron grating at the top of the jail, and then letting himself to the ground with a quilt. Davis was held for trial on the charge of murdering Marshal Baker of North Baltimore, O., last August. He was transferred from the Bowling Green jail to this place to better insure his captivity. Crawford evidently had accomplices on the outside as the sawing was done both from within and from without. There were eight iron bars 2x11 1/4 inches cut through. The iron was soaped so that the saws would make no noise. The escape was made while two guards were on duty. This is the third jail delivery that has taken place here within the past eighteen months.

Expressed Their Approval.

New York, Nov. 14.—A special from Constantinople, says: All the foreign ambassadors have telegraphed to their governments expressing approval of the reforms granted by the sultan and published in all the papers.

The Italian ambassador has gone on a three weeks' leave of absence. As quiet has been perfectly restored, and the reforms asked for have been granted, it only remains for the supplementary warships anchored here to be withdrawn to thoroughly calm the public mind.

Appropriation Committee to Meet.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The committee on appropriations of the house will meet November 30 to begin preparation of the appropriation bills for the coming session. The committee will divide itself into subcommittees on various bills, and endeavor to have the different measures ready to report at an early date after the opening of congress. The appropriations committee will have a week's time before congress convenes, in which to work on bills.

## Sensational Case.

### Denver, Colo., Nov. 14.—John B. McMillan, a consumptive of Bristol, Conn., died at the county hospital a week ago and the fact that he was penniless has involved two wellknown undertakers in a suit at law to decide which shall have the privilege of furnishing his funeral outfit.

The case was heard Saturday before Justice Crane. The affair has already had several sensational chapters, and the county commissioners and an express company are mixed up in it. Undertaker Hall has the contract for the burial of county charges and McMillan's remains were taken to his place from the hospital. Later Attorney A. L. Morris, a friend of the deceased, who had been requested by the latter to look after his obsequies, secured an order from the county commissioners for the body and had it removed to the establishment of Undertaker Miller. Hall then telegraphed the dead man's sister, Mrs. McGlade, of Bristol, Conn., and she wired him to send the remains to her. He secured an attachment and had the body brought back to his parlors. Miller at once replevined the corpse, giving a \$400 redelivery bond and on Wednesday evening embalmed and shipped it to Bristol by express, collecting \$100 from the express company. Before the shipment Hall notified the company's representatives that he should hold them responsible for the body and the \$100. Hall says he will carry the case to the higher courts if necessary.

## Wrecked a Train.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14.—An official report received at the office of General Manager Metcalfe of the Louisville and Nashville yesterday stated that the through Louisville and Nashville train No. 3 from Cincinnati to New Orleans, had been derailed five miles south of Montgomery, Thursday night and that six people had been injured. The list received here is as follows: Baggage-master Neville of Montgomery.

Dr. D. B. Clifford, Louisville and Nashville surgeon at Franklin, Tenn. J. R. Latham, of Conyers, Ga. W. C. McCarvey of Monroeville, Ala. J. E. Robertson of Charleston, S. C. An unknown negro.

The company's surgeon at Montgomery wired that none of the injured people were fatally hurt and that all would recover. The injured were brought back to Montgomery.

The wreck occurred one mile north of Catoma and five miles south of Montgomery. The train was made up of eight cars. One was a postal, two were baggage cars, two were coaches and three sleepers. All the cars except the three sleepers were derailed and went over a slight embankment.

The accident was caused by the removal of some fishplates from the track. It is supposed that the motive of the wreckers was robbery. The country was scoured after the wreck, but no trace of the wreckers could be found. Nearly all the injured boarded the train at Montgomery and were in the day coaches.

## Charter for Greater New York.

New York, Nov. 14.—The draft of the charter for Greater New York will be handed over to the commission by December 1. The tentative draft, as prepared by former Corporation Counsel William DeWitt, is still under consideration, several chapters remaining to be disposed of. It is expected the draft would be ready to submit to the entire consolidation commission by October 15. Mr. DeWitt said in an interview:

"There has been no delay except such as has been necessary to give the committee enough time to carefully consider it in whole and in part. "The report will, I think, be ready by Dec. 1, if not before. The committee has been working during the entire afternoon three days of each week since Sept. 21."

The Jury Trial.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 14.—The jury in the case of A. K. Ward, charged with forgery, was secured before adjournment Thursday and when court opened yesterday the taking of testimony began.

J. L. Wellford was the first witness put on the stand. He was examined directly by Attorney General Patterson.

Many promissory notes bearing witness signatures, which had been floated, were shown Mr. Wellford, who called them forgeries. Mr. Wellford said he had implicit confidence in Mr. Ward up to the time the forgeries were discovered. Court adjourned until to-day with Mr. Wellford's testimony unfinished.

## The Seventeenth.

It is a serious matter in Armenia should a maiden attain her seventeenth year with no prospect of marriage, for so surely as the festival of St. Sergius comes round she is obliged to fast three days and then eat salted fish, without the right to quench her thirst unless some kind swain be found who will promise to take her and be her "master."

## RACE WAR TROUBLE.

### THE LACORERS AT A SAWMILL RIOTING.

**The Whites Who are Largely Outnumbered by the Colored Men, Declare They Shall Not Work—A Colored Woman Reported Killed.**

Eldorado, Ark., Nov. 13.—The white and colored laborers employed at Hawthorne's mills, twelve miles south of here, have been waging a race war since Tuesday. The whites, who are largely outnumbered by the negroes, declare that the colored men shall not work at the mills and warned them to leave. The negroes did not go, and on Monday a number of white men whipped a negro. That night a car and several tents in which the negroes were sleeping were surrounded by armed white men and over 100 shots were fired into the car and tents. How many negroes were hurt can not be ascertained, but it is known that a woman was fatally wounded. The shooting is thought to have been more for the purpose of frightening the negroes away as, when it ceased, they were again warned to leave under penalty of death.

Wednesday there was further rioting, the nature of which has not been ascertained, but the sheriff has gone there with a posse of deputies to restore order. The mills were idle yesterday, neither the whites nor the blacks being at work. A report reached here late yesterday evening to the effect that the wounded woman had died and that serious trouble was imminent, as the negroes threaten to avenge the death of the woman.

#### Venezuelan Agreement.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Now that the facts of the Venezuelan agreement are known, fuller information is obtainable as to the form of the compact has taken. There are two distinct papers in the transaction.

The first and by far the most important one is in the nature of a solemn agreement between Great Britain, by which the boundary question will be settled by a court of arbitration. It is lacking in the technical statistics of a treaty and in form is a final agreement duly signed by the representatives of the two governments on terms by which they will settle the differences arising out of their divergent views on the disputed boundary question. Then because the subject matter of the boundary itself lies between Great Britain and Venezuela, a second paper is made necessary. This will be in the form of a treaty, the contracting parties being Great Britain and Venezuela. This will explain some ambiguity of the question that has arisen as to the agreement and treaty.

Literally the United States and Great Britain have made an agreement by which the terms of the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela are framed. Each instrument will relate to the other and be a part of the common understanding on the entire subject. In this way Venezuela retains her attitude as a contracting party to the final treaty. But as the treaty is shaped by an agreement with the United States it is an instrument by which the full results will be accomplished and the United States names two of the judicial arbitrators.

But one point, a matter of detail and not of merit, remains open between the United States and Great Britain in the settlement of the Venezuela question, and cablegrams passing between London and Washington give every reason to believe that this point, which delayed the formal affixing of the signatures to the arrangement of settlement will be determined within a day or two. It relates to the choice of four judicial members of the court of arbitration, two by this country and two by Great Britain.

#### Deputy Shoots a Prisoner.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 13.—A special from Yorkville says: M. R. Reese, a prominent citizen, convicted of murder, is lying at the point of death in the office of Dr. Miles Walker, with a bullet in his head. The trial of M. R. Reese, Daniel Lucky and Mrs. Anderson for the murder of Charles T. Williams came to an end Wednesday night. The jury retired at 5:40 o'clock and returned at 9 o'clock with a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy as to Reese and Lucky, and not guilty as to Mrs. Anderson. Deputy Sheriff Scoggins started with the prisoners to jail. After reaching the sidewalk Reese attempted to run. Neither of the prisoners had been handcuffed and Scoggins was in charge of both. He followed the fugitive a few steps, but fearing Lucky might attempt to run, he drew his revolver and told Reese to halt, but the latter continued to run. When he reached the middle of the street Scoggins fired. Reese spun around and fell into the ditch. An investigation showed that he had been shot in the back of the head. His wound is serious.

#### The Panama Canal.

New York, Nov. 13.—A dispatch from Panama says: Mr. Mange, formerly director general of the Panama canal company, arrived here on the steamer Medway. It is understood that he comes to occupy the position of director of the works in the new canal company. He rendered good service formerly, and is an efficient engineer.

The steamer Castel Edna is shortly expected from Colon with about 100 African laborers from Sierra Leone for the canal. The pay will be 80 cents, Columbian currency, per day.

El Correo Nacional of Bogota, referring to the offensive and defensive alliance between Ecuador and Venezuela, says: "We are authorized to state that there is no truth in the statement that a treaty, defensive and offensive, has been celebrated between Ecuador and Venezuela, but merely a treaty to send ships and commerce, which was publicly discussed in recent sessions of the Venezuela congress."

It has been proposed to congress to send the Columbian gunboat Bogaca to Guayaquil, Ecuador, to transport the Columbian citizens who were rendered destitute by the recent disastrous fire in that city.

A correspondent at Guayaquil telegraphs that the government of Ecuador has ordered the Jesuit fathers, settled in the eastern part of the republic, to leave the country. It is alleged that they have been fomenting revolutionary movements.

The reconstruction of the burned district in Guayaquil is being rapidly pressed.

The Chilean vessel Presidente Pinto is now in the harbor at Guayaquil.

#### Three Friends Held by a Deputy.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 13.—The steamer Three Friends, which was seized at the mouth of the St. Johns river last Saturday by the revenue cutter Boutwell, acting under orders from the treasury department at Washington through the collector of the port, was formally libeled and attached yesterday. The boat is now in charge of a deputy marshal. The libel is under section 5263 of the revised statutes, which provides against the fitting out of an armed vessel to cruise or to commit hostilities against subjects or property of any foreign country which the United States is at peace. Under this section the Three Friends is charged with being out on May 23, 1896, as an armed cruiser with the intent to be employed by certain insurgents, or other persons, on the island of Cuba to cruise or to commit hostilities against subjects and property of the island of Cuba and against the king of Spain.

The attachment is returnable before the United States court on the first Monday in December. The government's information is said to have been secured through two persons who were passengers on the trip, and who afterward made their way back to New York, going thence to Washington, where they divulged the facts to the Spanish minister. If this be true, they will need a body guard when they come to Jacksonville to give their testimony in the case.

#### Insurgents Make an Attack.

Havana, Nov. 13.—The insurgents have attacked the town of Cascocla, in the province of Matanzas. After firing upon the place for five hours, the enemy retreated, leaving four men killed on the field, plundering the stores, burning several houses and wounding a woman.

A dispatch from Matanzas yesterday says that ten persons, who were imprisoned there on political charges, have been released.

The insurgents, with the use of dynamite, have destroyed the bridges of Calderon, province of Matanzas, at about the time a prisoner train was due to cross it.

#### Fined Twenty Dollars.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 13.—When Secretary Carlisle addressed a political meeting here last month eggs were thrown at him, and after the meeting was over insults were shown to the secretary as he went from the Odd Fellows' hall to the residence of Mr. Helm. Among these insults was one by James Fagin, who threw a lighted cigar into the secretary's face. Fagin has been arraigned for trial several times since his arrest for this act, but the case was continued at each hearing until yesterday. Fagin was fined \$20 and costs.

#### To Prevent Sea Collisions.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The revived international rules to prevent collisions at sea, drafted by the Washington international marine conference, will probably go into effect on the 1st of next July. The officers of the state and treasury departments have been working earnestly to this end since the adjournment of congress, and Great Britain is co-operating with the United States in securing the assents of the few remaining nations which have not yet accepted the new rules.

#### Bart's Trial.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 14.—Eugene Bart, on trial charged with the murder of his wife and two children in July, is defended by Walton & Walton. The courtroom was crowded all day, pending the examination of some fifty witnesses introduced to support the motion for change of venue. The motion was overruled and a motion for a continuance of the case on account of the absence of Dr. McLaughlin in Mexico, whose evidence was deemed material on the plea of insanity, was also overruled, the subpoena not having been issued for McLaughlin until the ninth.

The case went to trial and the special venire of 120 men is being examined. After the continuance was refused Hon. Taylor Moore was employed to assist the Walton. Attached to the motion for continuance was an affidavit of the Waltons to the effect that they were employed by others than defendant and that the latter had refused to consult with them or assist them in preparing a line of defense.

Bart maintains absolute reserve and is not apparently consulting with his attorneys. Before work in selecting the jury commenced the court adjourned till 9 a. m., to-day.

#### A Costly Fire.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 14.—The costly barn located on the Maddoxia stock farm two and a half miles east of the city, owned by J. H. Ida and Mary E. Ayres and used by Col. R. E. Maddox, burned to the ground at 5 a. m., yesterday. The burned structure was 200 feet square, and erected five years ago at a cash cost of \$30,000. It was in a fine state of repair and totally uninsured. The Ayres family also lost \$2000 worth of household and kitchen furniture stored in the structure. Their estimated loss is \$20,000.

The barn itself was used by Col. R. E. Maddox and at the time of the fire he had in it nine of the most promising young colts in the country, including Run After, for which he had refused \$5000 in cash. He had no insurance on his colts whatever, and all were burned to death, entailing a complete loss estimated by him at \$25,000. In addition to this his loss on feed stuffs, racing paraphernalia, etc., was considerable. Fortunately for Col. Maddox, his famous steeds and horses, with racing records already made, including command, Incommodore, and Judge Stedman, were not in the burned structure. Col. Maddox estimates his totally uninsured loss at \$27,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the generally prevalent idea is that it was the work of an incendiary. The first alarm resulted from the neighing of the perishing colts and the cries of a small boy sleeping in the structure. The flames were plainly visible miles away, and people resident in the city who chanced to be up, easily ascertained what was burning. So far as can be learned, not a cent of insurance was on the structure or its contents, and the sum total of losses will easily exceed \$50,000. The burned colts were of the very best stock and came from sire and dam with records, still Run After was the only animal known prominently to horsemen the country over. There is not in Texas a better known blooded stock and racing farm than was "Maddoxia."

#### Serious Accident.

Plano, Tex., Nov. 13.—A serious accident occurred on the public school grounds yesterday afternoon. Edgar Wetzel, son of Andrew Wetzel, about 15 years old, was hit in the forehead with a window sash weight, crushing a hole in his skull two inches square. Edgar had beaten a number of students throwing this weight over his shoulder, and they thought to beat him by getting some vigorous man to throw against him. Edgar was keeping the boys out of the way when the weight was thrown, and accidentally striking him, crushed his skull. The attending physician says his chances for recovery are very slender. No one regrets the accident more than the gentleman who threw the weight.

Taylor, Tex., Nov. 14.—During a performance of Sprague's comedians at the opera house last night two negro boys experienced an almost miraculous escape from death. Seated upon the railing of the rear gallery, one of the boys lost his balance, and in falling bludgeoned the other. Both fell backwards a distance of thirty feet to the floor beneath, turning complete somersaults and falling in a heap upon their backs. Strange as it may appear, neither was seriously injured. Although a panic was threatened, the large audience was composed, and the performance was interrupted only a short time.

#### Hurt by a Horse.

Kaufman, Tex., Nov. 14.—Greer Taylor, the 10-year-old son of the late Capt. B. F. Taylor, was thrown from a horse here Thursday evening and sustained a concussion of the brain. The attending physician says it is impossible to tell the extent of his injuries at present, but that he has hopes of his recovery.

Capt. B. F. Taylor was widely known in Dallas, where he had many friends. The St. George hotel was his and now belongs to his children, who live here with their grand parents.

#### TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

At a negro rally at Angus, Navarro county several days ago, Clem Jones, colored, was killed.

Seventy-five tons of hay on Conner Bros.' ranch near Sherwood, Irion county, burned a few days ago.

The Mexican Gaudalupe Guerra, who was hit on the head with a rock by Jim Austin, died from his injuries.

The new chemical fire engine ordered by the city council of Denison has arrived and is now ready for use.

Dick Ansall, charged with cattle theft, was sent to the penitentiary for two years, the other day from Boerne, Kendall county.

A new post office called Howard has been established in the White League settlement, twelve miles west of Lanis, Ellis county.

Patrick Rose, son of P. H. Rose of Del Rio, Uvalde county, was accidentally shot several mornings ago while out hunting.

The residence of Tom Rogers at Ennis, Ellis county, was burned recently from explosion of a lamp. Total loss of contents. No insurance.

Sam Burns, an employe of the cotton mills at Dallas, had two fingers torn off by having them caught in the machinery a few evenings ago.

The King flock at Belcher, Montague county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago and was a total loss. The stock of Mrs. T. K. Hurley was entirely lost.

A little negro fell from a wagon at Kaufman, Kaufman county, a few evenings ago and the hind wheel passed over his thigh and broke the leg above the knee.

W. E. Dodge, dry goods, at Albany, Shackelford county, made an assignment recently, naming E. E. Bohannon as assignee. Liabilities \$4499.42; assets \$7500.

The number of bales of cotton received this season in Corsicana, a few days ago, was 17,482, a gain of 2,497 over the number received up to this time last year.

The other morning three cottages on Avenue Q, Galveston, occupied by Dr. J. M. Cline, Wm. Kothe and Allen G. Nichols, were burned to the ground with contents.

Several mornings ago before daylight, unknown parties surrounded the house of Bob Johnson, a colored politician, and fired ten or twelve shots into it. Johnson was not hit.

Elbert Rayfield, aged 19, was beaten over the head and instantly killed in a personal difficulty at Blackfoot, Anderson county, recently. John Martin, colored, was lodged in jail.

Pacheco, a Mexican, was shot and killed at Alice, Nueces county, the other night. A party was arrested on suspicion by Capt. Rogers' Rangers and taken to Corpus Christi.

John Jackson, general merchant at Corn Hill, Williamson county, made an assignment recently. C. I. Harris trustee. Preferred creditors named amount to \$6972. Assets not given.

Catarino Castro, who killed Manuel Cavazos, a young merchant of Laredo, Webb county, last February, was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for twenty-five years, a short time ago.

B. F. Word and J. J. Hill levied a distress warrant and the Casey-Swasey company a writ of attachment on the saloon property of Walker Rother at Terrell, Kaufman county, the other day.

A few mornings ago fire broke out in the Palace drug store in Corsicana, owned by Goodman & Ruff, destroying the stock. Loss on stock and fixtures \$7000, on building \$300. Fully insured.

J. A. Colbath, of the Colletto, was killed at Victoria, Victoria county, the other day. He was shot in the mouth. An inquest was held and a party named Hays was locked up by Sheriff Sullivan.

Near the Cotton Belt depot in Tylow, Smith county, a few nights ago, Jim King, colored, was shot at seven times. He was not hit, but sometime afterwards he was caught, placed upon a barrel and beaten.

John Cavender, living a few miles from Waxahachie, had his barn burned a few nights ago. It contained all his last year's corn and other grain. He carried \$700 insurance on the building and \$300 on the contents.

In the district court at Corsicana, Navarro county, several days ago, Will Jones, colored, aged 24, was convicted of the murder of Morris Williams, colored, aged 84, and sentenced to twenty years confinement in the penitentiary.

S. H. Owens, dealer in groceries at Crockett, Houston county, made an assignment recently for preferred creditors, H. F. Moore, as trustee. The amount of preferred creditors is \$2300. Balance of liabilities and assets unknown.

The other night Cleve Jacobs, about 12 years of age, while walking near the railroad track at Groesbeck, Limestone county, was knocked down by the caboose and a wheel ran over his leg just below the knee, crushing it into a pulp. He was carried home in an unconscious state and will probably die.

#### GULF COAST NEWS.

happenings of interest from This Section Condensed.

Bryan and Madisonville will soon be connected by telephone.

Judge J. Haris has bought the Corsicana Weekly-Light and takes editorial charge of it.

General H. M. Gano is organizing colony among North Texas farmers to settle in Central Mexico.

The second semi-annual meeting of the Brazos Valley Medical association is now in session at Bryan.

W. R. Beaumier has sold the Temple Mirror and will enter journalism in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

H. Runge & Company are getting ready to build a brick block on their present bank site at Cuero.

Captain Ben Dalby, one of Hood's dashing officers, is very ill with consumption at Woodlawn Texas.

C. A. Summers has resigned the mayoralty of Cuero and F. H. Crain is a candidate for the position.

M. M. Resinger, Luke Lyon and Mat Patton, of Lampasas and Bell counties have moved 280 sheep to the Sonora country.

President Heaton of the Southwest Texas Fair Association got up some good exhibits for the Texas Coast Fair Association at Dickinson.

A great many prospectors are visiting the coast country from all parts of the state and are locating. The largest percentage are from Central Texas.

Farmers are still busily engaged picking cotton, and many of them say that there are yet as many unopened bolls in the fields as have been gathered.

He promised them he'd fix the streets

If they would vote for him;

He wanted to be an alderman

And watch the city's tin.

The Democratic-Reporter urges the organization of a board of trade by the business men of Taylor. There will be work for board of trade next year, and the city without one will lag behind.

The chrysanthemum exhibit of the Ladies' Horticultural society of Alvin opened Wednesday. Two years ago the first attempt of this kind was made, and the improvement has been marked until it seems that almost perfection is now reached. This collection of flowers must be seen to be appreciated. The different shades and perfectness of this flower are a surprise, and the enormous size of some individual blooms is a revelation. The collections are arranged under different classes and grouped. The effect is pleasing and astonishing. Some of the single flowers are eight inches in diameter. The ornamental work deserves special mention. A Ferns wheel six feet high, woven with many colored chrysanthemums, was much admired. The specimen plants are grouped in the center of the hall, and are quite a feature of the fair. Some of the plants are more than five feet high and are masses of blossoms. Several exhibits from Lafayette, La., Houston and other points are in the collection. Mrs. S. E. Buchanan of Dallas, Mrs. S. E. Byars of Houston and Mrs. W. S. Caruthers of Galveston are the judges. The list of premiums is long, and the cash premiums aggregate nearly \$100.

Dickinson was well represented in the Gulf coast nursery exhibit, which is deserving of notice in the perfectness of display and picturesqueness of design. Mr. W. A. McCloud, manager of the nursery, and May Bray, secretary, preside over this display and are interesting in explanation of the studies of the nursery. Cut flowers, fragrant and fresh, potted plants that never die and greens and ferns show to advantage with the background of nursery products. Chrysanthemums and roses of more than common specie cluster in flowery commens.

The Dickinson display has much to interest the farmer, the housewife, the curious and the prospector who is looking around to find out what Texas soil will produce, or rather if there is anything that it will not produce. Vegetables known and of easy name and others about whose history or cultivation ordinary mortals do not worry; fruits of rare variety in bloom; and strawberries that would tickle the palate of a northerner from the snow coated climes, as well as the epicurean taste of some of the Texans lie carelessly and temptingly in view, with chrysanthemums banked on every side.

The Grover Irrigation company on the Nueces river is now daily shipping from their farm about 100 crates of vegetables to the northern and eastern markets. The prices received are largely in excess of those of previous seasons, on account of early frost in other portions of the country.

Velasco has a new industrial organization to be called the City club. It is started for the purpose of looking after all new enterprises, building roads, and everything for the welfare of Velasco.

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright—  
The gleam of the day, and the stars of the night;  
The flowers of our youth and the fruits of our prime,  
And blessings that march down the pathway of time.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is drear—  
The sob of the tempest, the flow of the tear;  
For never in blindness, and never in vain,  
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.

We thank Thee, O Father, for song and for feast—  
The harvest that glowed and the wealth that increased;  
For never a blessing encompassed earth's child,  
But thou in Thy mercy looked downward and smiled.

We thank Thee, O Father, of all, for the power  
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour;  
The generous heart and the bountiful hand,  
And all the soul help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be—  
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee—  
That all our Eternity form, through Thy love,  
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—Will Carleton.

## THANKSGIVING

The old-time honored custom of making a festival at Thanksgiving, as, indeed, at all other national holidays, is simple, beautiful, right.

No greater argument can be advanced in favor of these holidays than that we continue zealously to keep them up in letter if not in spirit.

When we think of the terrible hardships the Puritans were constantly undergoing, and yet of the feast which they spread in the wilderness—when we think of their brave cheery ways, of their courage that stopped at nothing, and of that first primeval Thanksgiving dinner with its attendant praise-service and air of hearty cheer, we cannot help regretting that a little of that old-time sentiment has not descended to the present generation.

We who have everything to be thankful for are often thankful for little. We who are surrounded by every comfort are often as ungrateful as if we were surrounded by none. If one does not appreciate one's mercies, one may as well have calamities, for what does prosperity signify if one is not glad? Let us then be truly, heartily glad for the beautiful world that surrounds us, for the books, the flowers, the pictures, the music, the love of kith and kin, the inspiring words of children, the helpful hands of friends—for all this and much more which we receive with apparent indifference.

### Love's Service.

Love always gives. Service has a thousand forms, says the Christian Herald. Sometimes it is poverty that stands at our door and relief is wanted. More often it is not money nor bread, but something more precious, friendship, sympathy. Sorrow or loneliness is before us. A mother's heart is breaking. Money would be useless—it would be mockery. But we can hold to the neighbor's lips a cup of the wine of love, filled out of our own heart, which will hearten the sufferer. Or it is the anguish of a life struggle, a human Gethsemane, beside which we are called to watch. We can give no actual aid—the soul must fight its battles alone; but we can be as the angel that ministered to our Lord's Gethsemane imparting strength and helping the weary struggler to win the victory.

The world is very full of sorrow and trial, and we cannot live among our fellow men and be true without sharing their loads. If we are happy we must hold the lamp of our happiness so that it will fall upon the shadowed heart. If we have no burden, it is our duty to put our shoulders under the load of others. Selfishness must die or else our own heart's life must be frozen within us. We soon learn that we cannot live for ourselves and be Christians; that the blessings that are sent us are to be shared with others and that we are only God's almoners to carry them in Christ's name to those for whom they were intended.

### The Mother.

The mother in her office holds the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being who would be a savage, but for her gentle care, a Christian man."



## A PUMPKIN LARK

AY, Bill, 'spose we fellows give Widow Gray a regular surprise party Thanksgiving eve.

"I heard those Maitland boys bragging to little Tom Gray what a splendid Thanksgiving they were going to have, and Tom said, 'I guess we used to have as good a time as anybody when father was alive; but mother says we mustn't expect a turkey or a mince pie this year.'

"I lay awake last night ever so long, and planned it all out. You and I will go up to 'Squire Fiske—father says he's got a big heart—and I shouldn't wonder, if we tell him how hard Widow Gray works to get along and keep the boys at school, if he'll give the turkey, and then the biggest thing of all will be off my mind.

"Then I want at least six pumpkins, and here comes in the fun—these 'surprise pumpkins' will be such pumpkins as you've never seen in all your life. You just come up to our barn to-night, at seven o'clock, and bring your pocket-knife, sharpened up, and I'll show you what I mean by 'surprise pumpkins.'"



### THIS WAS THE PROGRAMME.

And seven o'clock that November night found as jolly and happy a half-dozen boys as you'd wish to see, collected in Mr. Emery's barn. Six of the biggest pumpkins—one oval in shape—and six boys and six knives busy at work on the straw-covered floor.

First the pumpkins were cut in two parts, about two-thirds from the base; then both parts were scooped out, leaving the yellow rind about an inch in thickness; then a green willow withe or switch was cut the right length and

put into the smallest part of the divided pumpkin (the cover), for a handle. Then the boys put a thin coat of varnish over their work, and left to dry on a shelf in the barn a row of splendid new-fashioned orange-colored dishes and covers!

The next three days were busy days, I can tell you, for the surprise party; but 'Squire Fiske gave the turkey and the "fixings"—celery and cranberries—and Joe's mother made a real Yankee plum-pudding; and Will's sister made two such pies, as Will said—mince and squash—and the other boys' mothers and sisters made doughnuts and cookies and all sorts of "goodies" for the Thanksgiving tea.

On Thanksgiving eve, at eight p. m., might have been seen a torchlight procession moving across the meadow from Mr. Emery's barn, and along the lane that led to Widow Gray's cottage at the other end of the village. And this was the programme:

Two boys with Chinese lanterns; two little Chinamen bearing on a pole between them a real Chinese tea-chest filled with tea and sugar; wheelbarrow, alternately wheeled by Joe Emery and Will Somerby. On each side of the barrow two pumpkins containing pies, doughnuts, etc. One pumpkin in front with celery and cranberries; large oval pumpkin in the center with turkey, decorated with laurel sprigs; spaces filled up with white potatoes and sweet potatoes; at the head of the barrow, on pole, a little banner—"A Thanksgiving greeting from the friends of Mrs. Gray."

Now, don't you think Joe Emery's was a new and jolly "pumpkin lark?"

### Teddy's Thanksgiving.

Hail Thanksgiving time once more,  
When Turkey rules the day,  
And aunts and uncles, cousins, too,  
May come from far away  
To grace the full Thanksgiving table,  
And eat—as much as they are able.

Teddy, one year old to-day,  
In his new "best dress,"  
Wants to sit in his high chair  
And eat his share—I guess,  
And help mamma be thankful, may be,  
For her Thanksgiving birthday baby.

So at mamma's side he sits—  
Little rosy, dimpled boy;  
His "turkey" only bread and milk,  
His little heart o'erfull of joy;  
And life to us is twice worth living  
Since it brought Teddy last Thanks giving.

—M. D. Brine.

### Love's Autograph.

Once only did he pass my way,  
"When wilt thou come again?  
Ah, leave some token of thy stay!"  
He wrote (and vanished) "Pain."

—John B. Tabb.

### Turkey Humor.

Old Turkey—Are you trying to lay anything by this year?  
Young Turkey—No, I shall be satisfied if I can only keep ahead until after Thanksgiving.

## THANKSGIVING MENUS

Cream of Chestnuts	Croutons	Hominy	Brussels Sprouts
Fricassee of Oysters	Olives	Apple and Celery Salad	Cheese
Roast Turkey	Giblet Stuffing	Thanksgiving Plum Pudding	Hard Sauce
Mashed Potatoes	Diced Turnip	Squash Pie	Mince Pie
New Cider	Apollinaris	Fruit Nuts	Confectionery
White Velvet Sherbet	Roast Duck	Currant Jelly	Coffee

If we see nothing good in others, they will not be likely to see much good in us.

We would all have less cause to blame others, if we had fewer faults of our own.

Why is whisky so much easier to get than work?

When humility says "Look at me," it ceases to be humility.

The Faults and Follies of Age are numerous, but of the latter none is more ridiculous than the promiscuous and random use of drastic pills and other laxative cathartics. These wrench, convulse and weaken both the stomach and the bowels. If Hostetter's Stomach Bitters be used instead of these no-remedies, the result is accomplished without pain and with great benefit to the bowels, the stomach and the liver. Use this remedy when constipation is manifested, any thereby prevent it from becoming chronic.

Hush money usually talks for both parties interested in the transaction.

When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

The weaker the brain, the more open the mouth.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

It is worth remembering that there is always a big profit in schemes.

It is the telescope that distance lens enchantment to the view.

## Use Hood's Sarsaparilla

The experience of those who have been cured of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and obtain like benefit yourself.

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c

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

A BOTTLE OF **WATERLOO'S Safe Cure** Might have Changed the Map of Europe.

AT the Battle of Waterloo the great Napoleon.. was so prostrated from Nephritis.. (Inflammation of the Kidneys) .. that for more than an hour the battle was left to his subordinates, with the result that the fortunes of war went against him. Had **WATERLOO'S Safe Cure** been known at the time, Napoleon need not have been ill at such a supreme moment, nor his star suffered eclipse.

While all cannot be Napoleons, all can be spared the illness which resulted in his downfall.

Large bottle, or new style, smaller one, at your druggist.

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RODS For tracing and locating Gold or Silver (lost or hidden treasures. H. D. FOWLER, Box 227, Southport, Conn.

WATERLOO'S SAFE CURE FOR CONSUMPTION Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by Druggists.

T. N. U.—HOUSTON—47—1896.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

FREE BUTTONS An Elegant Button Given Away With Each Package of

DUKE CIGARETTES An Opportunity to make A COLLECTION OF BUTTONS WITHOUT COST.

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.  
Mrs E. A. Gause has been quite sick this week.

Miss Jennie Numsen of Palestine is visiting Mrs Dan McLean.  
Miss Sarah Goggan of Galveston is visiting Mrs Byrd Wootters.

The people mean to pen the hogs judging from the elections ordered.

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

The dinner given by the Ladies Aid Society last Thursday was a splendid success. It netted them about \$25.00.

We cant publish a paper unless those who subscribe pay up. Please bear this in mind and come round and settle.

Did you ever think that you couldn't run a paper on wind and water? If you think you can, come round and try it.

Harry Castleberg who has been in the Indian Territory for several weeks returned home Sunday. He has located at Shawnee in Oklahoma.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Dave Bayne of Weldon found a colored gentleman concealed in his store one night last week waiting for night to come so he could wait on himself. He is now concealed in jail.

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 pastors of the Churches have agreed to hold a union thanksgiving service at the Baptist Church on thanksgiving day next Thursday, at 11 a. m. and would be pleased to have the merchants to close their stores during the hour for services.

When you get through reading this paper ask yourself if you have paid for it. If you have not, then ask yourself if you can run your business or do your work on nothing but wind. We cant get out a paper unless those who subscribe for it pay up. Think about this and then come round and settle.

The Commissioners Court changed the boundaries of the Beat that W. E. Hail represents. The South boundary remains the same and the North boundary is changed to run with the Crockett and Grapeland road till it strikes the railroad and then up the railroad to the Anderson County line, putting all of Daly election precinct and half of Grapeland in W. E. Hail's beat.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

**CASH! CASH!!**  
**CASH!!!**

Just received at the CASH STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS SACKED CORN, 2 CARS Hay Forney and alfalfa, 1 CAR RICH WHEAT BRAN, 1 CAR BOLTED MEAL, 2 cars salt one coarse and one fine, 200 lb. COARSE AT 85c 200 lb FINE AT 90c. Will keep on hand cotton seed meal. You will find the CASH STORE headquarters for all kinds of feed.  
R. M. ATKINSON.

**Bought Bargains Still Selling!**

Those who have eyes do not believe all they hear when they see different. So it is not necessary for us to say through ignorance that the great commercial wheel is pending in our store. The world is too large for one man or one State to either start or stop this wheel and the little man whose heart has swoolen for his competitors whether through sympathy or sarcasm can make no impression and would reach the shore quicker to row his own boat. We handle first class goods and make no misrepresentation. The following goods can be found in our store just as described.

**Staples.**

Good weight full yard wide L L brown domestic not a few yards for a few cents but come and get a bolt at 3 1/2 cts per yard. Full width wire twist round thread cotton stripes 35 yards for \$1. extra heavy and wide cotton stripes worth 6 cts. our price 4 cts yd. or 25 yards for \$1.00 Extra heavy shirting worth 7 1/2 cents going for 5 cents yard or 20 yards for \$1.00 Irish Frize for skirts in colors gray and pink worth and sold for 15 cts our price 10 cents yard. Here is a bargain in Lincy never known in Crockett before all in beautiful colors strictly every thread wool filled, worth and never known to sell for less than 18c, the price of these goods are 12 1/2 pr yd or 8 yds for \$1.00. Extra heavy all wool each way twilled red flannel, worth and is sold for 16 1/2c, our price 12 1/2c per yd or 8 yds for \$1.

Listen here—We have bought an unequalled bargain and here we are selling a bargain—best guaranteed all wool filled jeans worth and always sold for 33 1/2c, our bargain price 25c per yd in any quantity. Don't pay 6 and 7c per yd for calico when you can come to our store and buy all the best brands in oil colors Solid or Figured

Hamilton, Simpson's and all of the best brands for 5 cents a yard or 20 yds for \$1.00. If you want cheap calico call for it. Yard wide Bleach Domestic, but rather starchy, 3c a yd in any quantity—better grade yd wide bleach, free from starch 4 1/2.

Hamilton Alpaca Worsted in colors black, navy blue, tan, light and dark gray brown blue and red worth 9 and 10c now going in any quantity at 5c pr yd.

Call and see our \$1.35 dress pattern it will match any \$2.00 dress you ever bought in color, quality and style.

First grade of imported silk Henrietta, full 45 inches wide, never sold for less than \$1.00, now to be sold at 65c per yd, in gray, drab, maroon, and red. Same in black and navy blue, 38 in wide 65c per yd.

**Hats.**

Just arrived a most complete line of hats in all the newest shapes and quality first class only. We do not carry seconds or old hats worked over in John B. Stetson's goods we only handle them direct from his factory. It is a well known fact that he has one price only on these goods. It is supposed that any man who knows

what a John B. Stetson hat is does not care to buy an old hat worked over. Therefore we only handle his goods direct from his factory. Call and see our new line just received in all the new colors and shapes at the lowest possible prices.

**Underwear.**

A full line of cotton and wool underwear medium heavy weight in all colors, heavy wool over shirts light weight wool over shirts heavy work shirts all at prices that will induce you to buy.

**Blankets.**

Ten quarter blankets, cotton 45c each, extra heavy all wool ten quarter red blankets (Loretto brand) worth \$2.50 our price \$1.50.

**School Children.**

We have plenty of slate pencils 35 for 5 cents.  
Also, Tablets for ink or pencil.  
Two 2 oz bottles of Daniel's black ink for 5 cents.  
Plenty of the bone collar buttons 36 for 5 cents.

**Shoes.**

Ladies Glove grain button or lace all solid worth 95c, our price 65c pr., better grades 75, 95 to \$1.25 full line of childrens school shoes

heavy oil grain, no seam in back well sewed and rivited in front at prices.

Ladies remember the John Kelly shoe is only sold by McLean & Wilson.

**Clothing.**

For the want of room we cannot describe our clothing as we would like: Boys knee suits 4 to 14 from 30c to \$4.50. Mens suits good weight well made, any size 34 to 42, coats pants and vest going from \$1.50 per suit up to the finest in Crockett. Over coat for men 35 to 42, \$1.35 each up to the best.



The featherbone is the only corset made that the stays will neither rust or break and is sold on four weeks trial if not perfectly satisfactory return it and get your money it is the most perfect fitting and most comfortable corset made, and is worth \$1.25 but having bought them in 25 doz. lots we can sell them at 90c each. Try one—you will have no other.

**McLean & Wilson.**

Judge Gould of Palestine was in the city this week on business.

We are pleased to hear that Dr. W. H. Dennev is decidedly better.

If you are going to pay your subscriptions for clock please do so.

We are grieved to hear that our friend E. Broxson is sinking every day and cant last much longer.

Crockett is packed and jammed with people and vehicles from one days end to another and business is rushing.

The jury in the case of Dock Jones for trying to assassinate T. J. Crofford gave him the full extent of the law—seven years.

Judge Burnett appointed the following gentlemen on the Jury Commission: R. D. King, J. H. McDougald and Tom Fox.

W. H. Gill will qualify in about four weeks. His majority in Anderson County was 898, in Houston 430 and in the district 1236.

Frank Bodenhamer keeps the choicest fruits, nuts, fresh grapes, and all kinds of confectioneries. He also keeps the leading brands of cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Stand in Mangum's feed store. Call on him.

Have the public any rights on and to side walks? This is addressed to the Mayor, Marshal and City Council. If so, will they please put an end to that branch of water which runs from the laundry into the street. Will they please do so?

We still insist that the cotton crop of Houston County is larger than last year and that Crockett will ship more cotton. At this writing (Tuesday) 5259 bales have been shipped and there are on the grounds from one thousand to fifteen hundred bales.

There is a petition in circulation to change the public road to Grapeland after it crosses the bayou—that part from bayou to railroad.

For two weeks the COURIER has failed to get to our readers in the East. It is no fault of ours and Post Master Edmiston assures us it is not his. The trouble is with the post masters at Daniel, Julian or Tadmor. We shall report these delinquencies to the department at Washington and have the matter investigated.

The grand jury adjourned last Saturday after finding fifty-eight bills—forty-three for felony and fifteen for misdemeanor of which five were for murder, eight for assault to murder, two for conspiracy to commit murder, one for perjury, two for assault to rape, one for sodomy, one for incest, one for fornication, nine for theft of horses, cattle and hogs, one for theft of saddle, one for theft (property under \$50.00) one for selling liquor on Sunday, six for carrying pistol, five for aggravated assault and battery, four for burglary and two for disposing of mortgaged property.

**Watchmaker & Jeweler**

**R. C. Stokes** On or about December the first will have a complete line of **Up to Date Watches, Jewelry, Novelties, Clocks,** together with the best, prettiest, latest and most complete silver ware that has ever been in Crockett.

**We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way.**  
"The Spirit of Times Shall Ever Teach us Progress."  
Complicated watch repairing a specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 positions.  
**Our Motto:** Reliable goods, Fair Dealing And Bottom Prices.

**Lumber! Lumber!**

I am now ready to furnish **Any and All Kinds of Lumber,** of any **Grade** and of any **Dimension.** Will supply in any quantities at mill or delivered, the very

**Best Heart Lumber**

or mixed as the log runs. Any one wanting lumber for any purpose **Will Find it To His Interest to Call and See me** before buying. I can make it to his interest to buy from me.

Mill two and a half miles South of Crockett right on Lovelady road. All bills **Filled Promptly** and at **Prices that Defy Competition.** Try me.

A. M. Langston.

**To the People of Houston and Adjoining Counties:**

When you need anything in the way of corn, oats, bran, corn chops, wheat, rye, barley or anything in the feed and grain line it will pay you to see me before you buy. I carry a large stock and am prepared to meet all legitimate competition. My motto is spot cash and honest weight and measure.  
Store under Opera House Crockett, Tex.  
Respectfully,  
JNO. MANGUM.

A car load of furniture will arrive at Aldrich & Newton's next week. Hardwood beds full size with rollers from \$1.48 up. Good three slat back dining chairs at 48c; over 40 styles of rockers from 65c up. Our line of bedroom suits is the completest ever brought to this city. Bureaus \$6.50, kitchen safes, regular price \$4.00, now \$2.50. Window shades and curtain polls of any kind. Come and see the largest and cheapest line of furnilure ever yet brought to Crockett.  
ALDRICH & NEWTON.

**Electric Bitters.**

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlains Drug Store.

To Men and Boys Who Wish to Dress Well this Fall.

I have the most complete line of samples in the town. They are in patterns one yard and a quarter square, thus enabling the buyer to judge of the effect of a piece of goods, which is impossible when selecting from the small card and book samples. These pattern samples are not to be found elsewhere in Crockett.

Please get my prices before placing orders.  
Very Respt.  
J. F. DOWNES.

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

**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, Agt.

Lost—a fine large case of the chills. Supposed to have been carried off by Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. No reward offered, it is gone for good. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

The democrats of Houston county can now celebrate thanksgiving day in earnest. The victory that they gained on November 3rd, should be fresh in their minds on November 26th, as its results will be manifest for many years to come.

We refer with pleasure to the deserving labors of such men as C. B. Daly, George Mobley, Dock Kyle and others. They did great service for the ticket against overwhelming odds and the gratitude of an appreciative people and democracy is due them.

WANT of space last week precluded reference to all the workers for the ticket that deserved special mention. The party is under great obligations to such men as Porter Springs as J. M. Porter, Ross Murchison, McTibbs, Professor Smurall, J. H. Ellis, and J. K. Chandler, Steph Allee and J. B. Ash at Boggs. All credit to them.

The democracy of the state are entering a just protest against the appointment of A. E. Wilkinson as supreme court reporter. The present members of the court owe their preferment to the democracy and should not be so insensible to their obligations as to appoint a rabid enemy of democracy to such a position. That a good democrat should be appointed is nothing but right.

The good times that were promised upon McKinley's election seem a long way off. Cotton has taken a plunge downward and the end is not yet. Now to complete the disaster only another McKinley bill is needed to put up the price of necessities of life. With low prices for his cotton and high prices for his supplies the average farmer will get a good taste of the gold standard sweetened with protection.

The triumphant vindication by the Cleveland administration of the doctrine of Monroeism as applied in the Venezuela case is a brilliant piece of statecraft and places Cleveland's administration alongside that of Jefferson, of Madison and of James K. Polk. Not during the past thirty years is there any stroke of statesmanship at all comparable with this splendid achievement. In some respects Mr. Cleveland's conduct of public affairs may not have been in touch with popular wishes and sentiment but his foreign policy has been of that sturdy American character which calls for and receives the universal approval of the whole American people regardless of party. A quarter of a century hence his administration will be pointed to with unqualified pride by many of those who now condemn it.

ALTHOUGH such officials as Judge A. A. Aldrich, W. A. Champion, J. B. Ellis and Enoch Broxson are succeeded by democrats in their official positions, the public regrets to see them pass out and the public is the loser by it. In saying this we do not mean to be understood as meaning or intimating that the successors of these faithful officials are not worthy men or that they may not make competent and efficient public servants. They are all of that and will make worthy successors though at present they are wanting in that essential element of faithful service which experience brings and which nothing else can supply. We feel sure that there was not in all Texas a more intelligent, worthy and com-

petent County Judge than the retiring County Judge of this county and his record proves him such beyond question. In retiring, as he does, voluntarily, the county loses a most conscientious, efficient and faithful officer and one whose place will not be easily filled. The same may be said of Messrs Champion, Ellis and Broxson, notwithstanding the positions which they held and filled so acceptably are of such character as do not call for those peculiar qualifications which the office of County Judge demands.

It is very gratifying to note and to make meritorious mention of the prominent and invaluable aid and service which the young democracy of the county are rendering the cause of good government in campaigns of late years. In every recent contest the younger element of the party are coming to the front and are taking leading parts in the campaign for the ticket. We refer to such young democrats, and men like them as, A. D. Lipscomb, J. M. Crook, Judge A. A. Aldrich, D. A. Nunn Jr, and I. A. Daniel. With no purpose of disparaging the efforts of others, we can not but bear testimony to the active, persistent and untiring labors of those young democrats for the ticket and the cause of democracy. There were not more faithful and tireless workers to be found anywhere than these young democrats and the county, the party, the ticket, and especially Mr. Gill, the candidate for district Judge, is under special obligations to them.

In his Gallic campaigns Caesar always placed special reliance on his Tenth Legion. They were invincible in battle and served on many a hard fought field to turn the tide of battle at the critical moment in favor of the Roman arms. In classic history and song their valiant deeds have been glorified. We are not paying too high a compliment or indulging in any degree of flattery to the impregnable hosts of democracy in the Augusta beat when we speak of them as the Tenth Legion of democracy, for in many a hard contest for more than a quarter of a century the Augusta democrats have never failed to be found in the van of the fight and to turn what might otherwise have been an ignoble disaster into a glorious triumph. All honor to the Tenth Legion of democracy and henceforth let it be known as such. In truth and sincerity did the Augusta democrats deservedly claim that John Kennedy or some other Augusta democrat should be elected to office.

District Court Proceedings.

This is the last week of the present term of the district court for Houston county, and the remainder of the week will be consumed in disposing of a few criminal and civil cases yet on the docket, hearing motions for new trials, applications for bonds, etc.

Since the COURIER went to press last Thursday, the following cases have been disposed of up to yesterday (Tuesday) evening:

R. D. King v G. M. Waller, et als., suit for damages; jury and verdict for defendants.

J. J. Bynum v Jake Govan, suit for land, on re-hearing from supreme court; judgment for plaintiff; motion for new trial overruled and notice of appeal given. In this case Judge Burnett was disqualified and by agreement Judge Gould, of Palestine, tried the case as special judge.

State v A. J. Knox, charged with conspiracy in the murder of Jake Elenberg in July last. This case was taken up last Thursday, and Thursday, Friday and Satur-

The Excitement and the Election is Over!

The people were the judges and they have so willed it, but the Slashing of Prices on all Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Carpets and Matting still go on

At The New York Store.

We have numerous bargains that we are disposing of and we are receiving them daily and the people are taking advantage of them. We are still continuing our Special Sale of Dress Goods, Silks, Satins, Gloves, Rugs, Carpets Matting, Boys' and Childrens' Clothing and Mens' Suits and Over-Coats. These are Bargains that you will appreciate.

Silks! Silks! Silks!

Fancy Silks for Shirt Waists, regular 50c quality for 20c per yard.  
Surah and China Silks in all colors, regular 65 cent quality for 35 cents.  
Satin Duches in evening shades, goods that sell for \$1.00, our price 75c per yard.  
Black Gro Grain Silk. \$1.20 goods our price 75c yd.  
Plain Silk in a variety of colors, goods that sell for \$1.25, our price 75c.  
Satin in all colors and black, sold everywhere for 75c, our price 35c.

Gloves, Gloves!

Ladies' Kid Gloves, Black or Tan, Lace or Button, regular \$1.00 quality for 70c—regular \$1.25 qual 90c.  
Ladies' White Kid Gloves, embroidered back, button at 75c per pair.  
Extra long Suede Gloves for evening wear, regular \$1.50 quality for 85c.

Rugs, Rugs!

The finest rugs in the state for the money, regular \$3.50 goods, our price is always \$2.50.

Ladies' Dress Goods!

Our line of Dress Goods consists of the latest in novelty effects, Wool and silk mixed Ladies Cloth, Ladies' Dress Flannel, Broad Cloth, Serge, Imported Silk Henrietta, Cashmeres, Worsteds and other fabrics too numerous to mention. To appreciate the goods and prices you must see them for yourself.

Clothing, Clothing!

Have just received a large line of Childrens' Clothing, 5 years and up that will defy competition. Our \$4.00 All Wool Suits for men can't be beat. All Wool Suits Black Clay Worsted in all styles that were \$12.50, are now \$7.00.  
Men's Extra Fine Black French Twill in all styles that were \$15.00 are now \$8.00.  
Mens' Black and Blue Worsted Suits (round cut) that were \$6.00 are now \$2.50.  
Boys' Suits, coat, pants and vest, good colors, going at \$1.75.  
Boys' suits in all colors, ranging from \$2. to \$8.00

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day were consumed in examining witnesses and speech-making, and the jury took the case about night Saturday evening, but failed to agree on a verdict Saturday night and was kept locked up all day Sunday. Monday morning the jury went to work on the case again. After worrying with it all day, the jury fled into court and announced its inability to find a verdict and was discharged. It is understood that ten were for acquittal and two for conviction.

State v R. E. Brashears, charged with theft of horse; guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

State v Richard Lee, burglary; plead guilty and got two years in the pen.

State v Sam and Tom Murray, theft of cattle; guilty and got two years in the reformatory. They are under 16 years of age.

State v Jerome Dempsey, charged with horse theft; not guilty. He is also a boy.

State v Mack Harris, charged with assault to murder in two cases; continued by defendant.

State v Sank Owens, assault to murder; continued by defendant.

State v John Crofford, assault to murder; continued by consent.

State v John Crofford, murder; continued by consent.

State v J. E. Christian, assault with intent to murder; continued by defendant.

Chas. Long et als v J. B. Smith et als., suit for valuable city property; continued by plaintiffs.

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Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles.

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