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Sweets Pall Quickly.

It is an acknowledged fact that American Women are guided by curiosity in their shopping. They have a craving for something different; they want a change. There is not another country in the world where a change of fashion is so quickly and so generally adopted as here. There is not another people on the face of the earth who are so sensitive to a change of style as we are, or where all classes yield so readily and simultaneously. We are a restless nervous race and sweets pall quickly. Curiosity is an overpowering trait in female character. Women will come to look when nothing under heaven could tempt them to buy, but they will come and they will talk of what they see and spread the news,

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This class of inspectors are usually regarded as trade oracles by their sister shoppers and frequently what they say goes. Therefore it pays to show goods and be courteous, even to those who do not want to buy. We will endeavor to keep for your inspection this season a bright, new and attractive line of the latest novelties in Dress Goods, Furnishing Goods, Headware, Footwear, and everything that will be pleasing to the eye, attractive to the body and gratifying to the soul.

Respectfully

W. V. MCGONNELL.

District Court

District court met in this city last Monday, Judge Gill presiding and Hon. John S. Jones of Athens, district attorney, present to represent the state. Court met at 10 o'clock, a. m., and immediately thereafter the grand jury was organized as follows: F. H. Bayne, foreman, D. J. Kennedy, T. S. Kent, W. J. Murchison, G. E. Darsey, J. W. Goodwin, John McConnell, J. T. Skidmore, J. H. Bussell, J. B. Womack, D. C. Webb, J. E. Hendricks. A synopsis of Judge Gill's charge to the grand jury will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The following bailiffs for the grand jury were appointed: T. R. Hester, door bailiff, W. H. Bayne, John McMillan, L. D. Sheptrine, W. J. Peacock, B. S. Gray, J. T. Leatherwood, riding bailiffs. The sessions of the grand jury are being held in the K. of P. hall.

After the grand jury had retired the criminal docket was called and the following capital cases set for the time stated:

State vs Elbert Rogers, murder, set for Monday of the fifth week and special venire of sixty jurors ordered.

State vs Geo. McCullough, murder, motion for severance granted, Knox and Sallas to be tried first.

State vs A. J. Knox, murder, set for Tuesday of the fourth week, special venire of one hundred jurors ordered.

State vs J. W. Howell, murder, set for Monday, fourth week, special venire of sixty jurors ordered. State vs Joe Sallas and Hill Ady, murder, set for Tuesday of fourth week, special venire of one hundred jurors ordered.

State vs John Crawford, murder, set for Wednesday of the fifth week, special venire of sixty jurors ordered.

The criminal docket will be called for the trial of cases on Monday of the third week. This week is being devoted to civil cases that can be disposed of without a jury. The following is the list of jurors for next week.

Will Holcomb, Will Leediker, J. H. B. Kyle, Tom Satterwhite, J. H. McCann, Garrett Holcomb, Dick Hancock, J. T. Herrod, J. H. Beasley, E. D. Helricle, I. M. Baber, Willie Campbell, T. J. Alexander, A. F. Barrow, Henry Kent, jr, John Bitter, E. A. Nichols, John Rosamond, Goe Whitley, sr, R. B. Edens, J. L. Shotwell, J. P. Bowden, Jno Rains, E. D. Collier, J. W. Murchison, John McCall, J. H. Brent, J. T. Dawes, Wm. Hunt, Scott Yarbrough, E. Harrison, Jack Jones, (Percilla.)

On Tuesday the court adjourned until Friday and Judge Gill returned to his home at Palestine.

Much work is being done on the street near the electric plant. The bluffs have been cut down and the street where it crosses the branch raised nearly two feet.

Commissioners' Court.

The following is a synopsis of the business transacted by the commissioners' court at its called session last week:

A few small claims were allowed. Collector Sheridan was instructed to examine list of lands and lots delinquent on March 31, 1896 for taxes of 1895 for Houston county, correct the same and deliver the list to the county clerk who shall record it and lay the record before the commissioners' court at the first term after such record, if possible, by special meeting in April. When the delinquent roll for '96 is received, it shall be recorded by the clerk in like manner.

An application for a change in the Hagarville public road as follows, was granted: Commencing at the N. W. corner of Sam Long survey on the Sullivan's Bluff public road and running on the N. line of said survey east to a branch east of J. E. Curry's residence, thence S. on land of J. E. Curry, intersecting Hagarville public road at N. W. corner of Solomon Story survey.

The county judge was instructed to advertise for the purchase of a suitable piece of 100 or 150 acres convenient to Crockett, for a county poor farm. Offers must be filed with the county judge by April 1, 1897. Full particulars will be found under the head of "Bids Wanted" in this issue of the Courier.

The county judge was authorized to have a public well dug in the court house yard, said well to be four feet in diameter; also to have a water trough for stock put up outside the court house fence.

It was ordered that the county treasurer be authorized to make the following transfers from funds now in his hands: From county fund to jury fund, \$449.61; from court house and jail fund to jury fund, \$450.36; from court house and jail fund to road and bridge fund, \$150.

James DeDaines was authorized to dig a cess pool and make drainage connections at the county jail according to plans and specifications on file, he to furnish all labor and material and to be paid not exceeding \$150.

During this term of the court overseers for the different roads of the county were appointed.

W. J. Murchison of Lovelady, J. W. Goodwin of Creek, George Darsey of Grapeland and J. H. Bussell residing near Lovelady, were all in town this week, serving their country on the grand jury.

Spring is here sure enough. Much of the fruit is in bloom and many of the forest trees are showing the green priming that precedes the full foliage of April. The Lord grant that no frosts may come to spoil the prospect.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The legislature is straining the proverb which suggests that the best way to make haste is to do so slowly. All last week the Evans assignment bill occupied the attention of the house and bitter opposition the measure was developed. The trouble ended in postponing further consideration until this week and probably right now the members are hard at it attacking and defending the bill. It seems certain that it will not pass without radical amendments, and one of them will probably be to make the punishment for fraudulent assignment a misdemeanor instead of a felony as the original bill provides. Strange as it may seem, a large number of general bills are still being introduced. Such a policy enables members to make a record with their constituents, but there is little danger that any of such bills will become law. The fee bill, the bill to redistrict the state and other leading measures are making some progress, but the end is not in sight. Just now outside interest in legislative proceedings is concentrated on the assignment bill and it is to be hoped that the house will dispose of it this week.

Only one candidate for city marshal has announced thus far, but there are others.

Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES

And Attractions for the man of Capital AND THE HOME SEEKER.

A Statement of Facts.

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 north of Galveston. The county is bounded on the east by the Neches and on the west by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the state, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land.

The population is 25,000. Of this number 17,000 are white and 8,000 colored; foreign born less than 1000.

RAILROADS.

The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs north and south through the center of the county; the Trinity & Sabine east and west near the south boundary line; the Tyler Southwestern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is now building through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

SCHOOLS.

Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the state of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free school six months a year. The county has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state makes an available school fund for the county of \$30,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first-class school furnishings.

CHURCHES.

All churches are represented and the different denominations have facilities equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed in the older states.

Debt and tax rates are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated and the total state and county tax is only 67 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation.

CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes above 90 degrees or below 25 degrees ABOVE ZERO.

The county is plentifully supplied with water for all purposes. An abundance of good water can be secured in any part of the county. At short distances there are never-failing streams of pure water which furnish power sufficient for all manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation, and the balance, 580,000 acres is virgin prairie and forest.

SOILS.

We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zones. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, the red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of others kinds. Nine tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved implements.

TIMBER.

The timber in Houston County is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long-leaf and short-leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply: holly, beech, maple, sugar-sherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Ft. Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any

other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhaustless supplies, rich iron ore of the brown hematite and laminated varieties, besides other kinds. There are undeveloped coal beds in different sections. Building stone in abundance. Clays for making brick, tile, pottery, etc. Also there are beds of green marl, which have never been developed.

STOCK.

This county is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock. Jersey cattle, blooded horses and hogs are numerous and all do well.

FRUIT.

The soil of Houston County is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruit and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affects the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown without trouble.

STAPLE PRODUCTS.

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn 20 to 30 bushels; sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes 200 to 400 bushels and ribbon cane produces from 250 to 400 gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grow in the greatest abundance.

A CHANCE.

One branch of industry has been nearly overlooked here. We refer to the production of tobacco. The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco grown. The people are not familiar with the business; but there are fortunes here awaiting the men who bring knowledge of tobacco raising and curing to Houston County. Thirty years ago tobacco was one of the money crops of this section. The people have lost sight of it for the cotton crop. This year many farmers are ordering the different varieties of tobacco seed, including the "Connecticut Leaf," "White Burley" and other kinds of plug leaf. We have recently tried the Genuine Havana tobacco and find that, where the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing 40 to 50 cents per pound in the New York market. New York buyers all agree that it is impossible to grow such tobacco in Texas, and will only believe that we grow it upon affidavits of the best men in the state. Money, land and assistance will be furnished EXPERT tobacco growers and warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understand this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proven and are deserving of attention.

In 1894 Houston County produced 30,000 bales of cotton, 900,000 bushels of corn, more first class ribbon-cane syrup than could be used at home, and enough meat for home use. Besides these crops oats, sorghum, peas, hay and peanuts enough to fatten all stock on hand through the winter.

The oak forests produce mast in abundance to keep hogs in good condition the year round.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Is the fact that the crops raised here are absolutely without fertilizers, the soil simply being broken and seed planted. There is not a country in the world that can make a better showing than this.

The county is in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times, and the merchants are more prosperous, while the farmers are better off, financially, than for years past, despite the low prices of staple products.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weches, Tadmor, Ratchiff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Belott and Daniel. Besides these there are over thirty cotton gins and lumber mills in the county, and at each of these are pleasant neighborhoods, usually having schools and churches.

Houston County has never suffered the evils of a boom and only desires a steady advance in population and prosperity. To those seeking pleasant homes and safe investments in a fine climate and country, we extend a hearty invitation to examine the resources and advantages of HOUSTON COUNTY, Texas.

The above is a careful and conservative statement of facts in regard to a fine country that has been too long overlooked.

We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory, and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

All letters of inquiry will be promptly answered and information will be given.

CROCKETT.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county on the I. & G. N. R. R., the great artery of commerce between Galveston and St. Louis. It has a population of 3500 to 4000. Society is excellent. A splendid system of graded public schools is maintained by tax for nine months in the year. Nearly all christian denominations have church organizations and churches. There are fifty or more business houses of different kinds. The town is lighted by a system of electric lights. There is a cotton seed oil-mill with a capacity for crushing six to eight thousand tons of seed. An ice factory, laundry and other accessories of a live town have recently been put in. The town with a fair season will ship twenty thousand bales of cotton the season of 1897. The fruit industry is being developed on a large and lucrative scale and no town in Texas is supplied with greater and better adapted resources for raising and handling fruit and berries of all kinds. There is not a town in East Texas with as bright a future as Crockett, nor one that offers greater inducements to the man seeking a home for his family, in the way of superior educational advantages, refined society, excellent church privileges and all other influences that contribute to the full development of genuine manhood and womanhood.

The town has two weekly papers, the COURIER and ENTERPRISE.

Facilities for traveling are unsurpassed. The I. & G. N. railroad passes through the corporate limits of the city and furnishes a double daily passenger service both ways. South of the town a comparatively short distance, the T. & S. R. R. runs east and west, while on the northern and eastern borders the Gulf Short Line R. R. and the Houston East & West Texas R. R. run. A movement is on foot with every indication of being put through at once, to establish a large saw mill and planing plant with a tram road extending twenty to thirty miles to the eastern border of the county.

LOVELADY.

The town of Lovelady is about 12 miles to the south of Crockett and is situated immediately on the I. & G. N. R. R. The town has recently incorporated for school purposes and levied a tax which with the funds from the state and county, enables it to maintain a most excellent High School, free for about 9 months in the year. The society is excellent and church

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privileges unsurpassed. It has a score or more of business houses and a population distinguished for its enterprising spirit and refined social advantages.

GRAPELAND.

Grapeland is another town about 12 miles to the north on the I. & G. N. R. R. It, too, has recently incorporated for school purposes and by a local tax and such other help as it receives from the state and county funds, supports a splendid High School free for about 9 months in the year. The town is noted for its business enterprise and public spirit and no better society can be found anywhere. The people are wide-awake and extend the home-seeker a hospitable welcome.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor. J. T. DIXON, Editor.

As the COURIER goes to press McKinley is being inaugurated president of the United States, in Washington City. Now for the pie-hunters.

By an amicable agreement reached in Galveston recently, State-chairman Green and Congressman-elect Hawley will dispense the Federal patronage in Texas. It is hardly necessary to say that John Grant was not a party to this arrangement. That gentleman was at Canton lately a flame with the lust of office and the passion of revenge, and a stenographic report of his remarks to Major McKinley would make what Horace Greeley called mighty interesting reading. It will take some very substantial recognition to placate this fiery gentleman who "pierced the gloom of Texas" with his effulgent presence, as his friend Mr. Lyon put it, when he opportunely arrived in our benighted midst from Ohio some years ago.

GRAPELAND.

ED. COURIER.—The "Congressional Committee" that recently visited Houston for the purpose of investigating Buffalo Bayou, made a mistake in not coming to Grapeland and investigating our deep-water facilities. The benefits arising in establishing shipping facilities for this part of Texas at this place would be incalculable. All they would have to do would be to extend Buffalo Bayou on up the Trinity to Little Elkhart, then up that stream to its head, which is near our town, and connect with the Totty lake and the thing is done. Large vessels could then come up to our wharves upon which could be loaded, direct from our wharves, the immense quantities of coon skins and possum hides we handle, which, then could be shipped direct to Liverpool and New York. Dant let Houston have all the boom. The COURIER will please notify the Post.

We notice that Dr. Lyman Abbott, a celebrated divine of New York City, has done away with the "Book of Jonah" in the Bible. We never did believe that Jonah swallowed that whale, and now if the eminent gentleman will tackle that part of the Book that gives us the "Old Fellow" that presides over certain fiery furnaces and do away with it, we will be much obliged to him, besides he will lift a mighty load of responsibility from our shoulders.

Elder Harry Hamilton preached to a large audience at the Christian Church last Sunday. He will preach here the 2d Lord's Day of each month and at Augusta the 4th.

Gaylord Cluse, Ney Sheridan, Chess Kennedy and Miss Lucy McLean, of Augusta, attended the Hamilton meeting last Sunday. W. N. Sheridan and Holloway Powers were also out to hear him.

Miss Emma Brightman, of Crockett, is in town visiting her uncle, Mr. Thos. Clark.

Dr. S. H. Yarbrough, who has been located in Palestine for the last two years, has moved to Grapeland where he will practice his profession, that of dentistry.

There were two photographers in town last week and photographs were cheap.

Mrs. Cicero Campbell died very suddenly one day last week. She leaves a husband and several children to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

Miss Geneva Sadler has just returned from Palestine, where she has been visiting her brother, Theo. Sadler.

Henry Richards and Miss Florence Logan were married Sunday at the bride's mother's residence, Rev. J. P. Farris performing the ceremony.

J. T. Skidmore, J. E. Hendricks and Geo. Dazrey went to Crockett Monday morning as grand jurors.

We learn that the railroad company will soon begin to put up a large water tank at this place for the use of their trains.

Judge Gill to the Grand Jury.

After the grand jury had been sworn in Monday morning in the district court, Judge Gill delivered his charge which was brief, practical and pointed. He said that he didn't consider a lengthy charge necessary, as nowadays citizens generally were more or less familiar with the practice of the courts; all were presumed to know what the criminal law was, and the district attorney was at hand to advise with the grand jury and instruct them as to particular offenses. The situation in Houston county required no special character of charge to the grand jury and he would only briefly call attention to the more prominent offenses. Every grand jury ought to be deeply impressed with a sense of its heavy responsibility as a branch of the government. Each grand juror was an officer of the court. The power given to them was enormous, and, acting under their oath for the good of the whole county, they must be careful to present no man from motives of malice or revenge, and be equally careful to leave no man unrepresented from motives of fear or favor. The attention of the grand jury was first called to the crime of bribery. No need to comment on its importance as every citizen knew it. Such offenses as drunkenness in office, and violations of the law by judges and other officers of elections were to be looked after. Now that primary elections were recognized and regulated by law, the offense of illegal voting at such elections should also be looked after. Violating the Sunday law was also referred to. Concerning the crime of perjury Judge Gill was very emphatic in his remarks. The offense, he said, was growing in frequency. The administration of justice in every case, civil and criminal, depends on the truth of human testimony, and it is of the first importance that perjury should be checked and perjurers punished. A conviction in such cases can only be had on the testimony of one credible witness strongly corroborated, or of two credible witnesses. The grand jury should inquire very fully into such cases, and it will do much good in checking the growth of this crime if some of the offenders could be indicted. The grand jury is not governed by the doctrine of a reasonable doubt in finding indictments. That rule is for the guidance of petit juries on final trial. The grand jury was also admonished to look into the sale of liquor in what are generally known as local option precincts. Special attention was called to this subject. A law unenforced is worse than no law, and this applies peculiarly to local option laws. The judge charged very strongly against the offense of unlawfully carrying arms. Whatever outsiders might think to the contrary, he believed that the law on this subject was as well observed by the great mass of our citizens as in any state in the Union. The majority of offenders in this direction were young men and it is a peculiarly evil and pernicious habit. The man who carries a deadly weapon ceases to rely on nature's weapons when he gets in a difficulty, and his hand goes instinctively to his hip pocket at such a time, with the result that life is too often taken without any necessity whatever. Every good citizen is deeply interested in having the law on this subject enforced. The offense is a misdemeanor of which the inferior courts have jurisdiction, but its exceptional importance justifies the grand jury in taking action on cases coming under that head. Ordinary forms of misdemeanor such as assaults, affrays, etc., might properly be left for the lower courts to handle. The judge also charged strongly against gambling and said that on account of the difficulty in securing testimony to convict in such cases an accomplice could be made to testify, the law providing for his immunity from punishment. As to the graver crimes, such as murder, rape, arson, theft and burglary, it was unnecessary to say anything, as the grand jury knew what to do in such cases and the district attorney and county attorney would advise them when they desired it.

Hog Law Elections.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Crockett, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to-wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the John Box league, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner, thence with E. line of said league to S. E. corner of same, thence with S. line of same to N. E. corner of N. C. Hodges league, thence with E. line of same passing S. E. corner to San Antonio road, thence with said road N. E. to W. line of J. Masters Jr. league, thence with W. line of same to N. W. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to J. Strode league, thence with W. line of same to S. W. corner, continues same course to E. line of Joseph Teague league, thence with said line to passing S. E. corner and continuing same course to Coltharp road, thence W. to Jarrett Allen's labor and S. with E. line of same to S. E. corner, thence W. with S. line of same and S. line of J. W. McLean's labor, continues same course to Coltharp road and with said road to S. E. corner of William Stanton's land, thence Southwesterly and down Dickey's Creek to S. E. corner of Joseph Hodge's league, thence with S. E. line of same to S. W. corner of same and continues same course to S. E. corner of John Moore league, thence with N. E. line of same to N. E. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to the N. W. corner and continues same course to E. line of Porter Springs' beat, thence up said line to Hurricane Bayou, thence up said Bayou for line to mouth of Black Run creek, thence up said creek to N. line of B. B. Ellis' survey, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner and continues same course with N. line of Charles Frazier's land to N. W. corner of William White's league and with N. line of same to S. E. corner of A. W. Beckham's league, thence with line of same to Elkhart Creek, thence up said creek to place of beginning—the said election to be held free of cost to the county. B. F. Duren is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE.

County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Weches, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to-wit: Beginning at the mouth of San Pedro Creek, running up said creek to the McLean creek, up McLean creek to the San Antonio road, thence with said road to the 15 mile post from Crockett, thence Southward to the Burnt Bridge road at the Moffet old field, thence Eastward with said road to the old Burnt Bridge on the Neches river, thence up the river with its meanderings to the place of beginning—the said election to be held free of any expense to the county. R. P. Robbins is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE.

County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Daly, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to-wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river, thence with the Houston and Anderson counties' line to the Horn School House, thence with the Grapeland road to the North Elkhart creek, thence up said creek to the old Magnolia and Crockett road, thence with said road to the Big Elkhart creek, thence down said creek to the Gordiana Bodilla league line, thence with the East boundary line of said league to the Joseph Walling headright, thence with said Walling headright line to the Grapeland and Trinity road, thence with said road to the Southeast corner of the Garrison Greenwood survey, thence with the boundary line of said survey to the old Crockett and Navarro road, thence with said road to the place of beginning. The said election to be held free of expense to the county. W. P. Kyle is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE.

County Judge, Houston County.

R. C. Stokes, WATCHMAKER & ADJUSTER,

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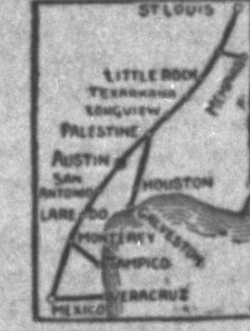
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