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## War Reminiscences.

[By W. D. Fritchard, Crockett, Texas.]

About the first of Oct., 1861, we moved from Manassas to Camp McCloud, near the quaint old town of Dumfries situated on Quantico Bay, an arm of the Potomac River, that reached up into Prince William Co. Va. Dumfries was settled by the Scotch in the early day and at this time showed evidences of its antiquity, as some of the buildings bore the date of 1726 on their corner stone. Just below the mouth of Quantico Bay at Evansport we had erected a battery, behind the undergrowth that lined the river with the hope of blockading the Potomac. When it was completed with three heavy guns ready for action the bushes were cut away and exposed to the enemy a formidable barrier to the river's navigation. Our regiment was ordered to the support of this battery and took position near by at what was known as Camp Quantico with instructions to prevent the landing of any forces on our side of the bay, as approach was only accessible from that side. It was here we heard our first big guns. When it became known that a gun boat was coming down the river Capt. Currie ordered the writer to take a position on Tolbott's Hill, overlooking the river and report the movements of the boat, with additional orders to keep under cover and not expose our presence. After crawling to the top, he took position behind a large rock, and waited developments. Soon a large vessel was seen coming down, and it was evident we were going to have some fun and as none of us had ever heard heavy firing, great was the expectancy of all. The writer being the only one exposed, he cast about him to know how to act.

Seeing a battery of flying artillery at the foot of the hill, he concluded to follow their actions; with increasing interest he noticed every movement of the boat. Soon she rounded the bend and came in sight of the then unmasked battery, gave a short whistle and from her side came a puff of smoke, followed by the most deafening report the writer had ever heard and a 10 inch shell came screaming directly overhead and burst over the waters of the bay. This single shot was enough for both infantry and artillery. All ran to cover and when reported to company created quite a sensation. It seemed that this shot was a signal to a boat that was to follow. For soon the Pawnee came in sight and from the stir and bustle that was on board, it was evident everything was cleared for action. On she came in stately grandeur as a thing of life. When near the point from which the first boat fired she opened fire. Puff after puff came from her side and report followed report in quick succession and were echoed again and again from the surrounding hills. Shell followed

shell shrieking through the air and burst in wild confusion over the heads of those gallant men, who stood to their guns and gave shot for shot in this their first gage of battle and so each unerring shot ricocheted upon the placid waters of the Potomac and found lodgment in the vessel's side; it was evident she was getting the worst of the fight. So intense was the excitement that our men forgot all orders and soon the hill was covered with excited men lost to everything but the grand and awe-inspiring scene before them; indifferent to the bursting and screaming shells about them they followed each shot from our gallant little battery as the splinters flew from the vessel's side proving their nerve and accuracy of aim.

They would show their interest in approving shouts that awoke the echoes of those sleepy old hills to reverberation never known before.

It was an unequal fight. The enemy by shooting what is known as plunging shot hoped to drop their shells behind the earthworks, but owing to some mistake they burst high in the air with no results. Our men on the contrary used the ricocheted shot, that is, sent the ball skipping on the water and almost every shot told. We learned afterward she was struck with 18 shot and sank at the mouth of Acquia Creek, 5 miles below with the loss of several men, while our loss was only the ammunition used. This battery proved troublesome to navigation and when a few weeks later another battery of four guns was put in at Cock Pitt Point, 3 miles above, all the traffic on the river was virtually stopped. The efforts of boats to run the blockade in fogs and at night kept the batteries on the alert, and many paid dearly for their rashness. Shortly after this blockade was established, the enemy sent a small boat, the "George Page" to protect their shipping. She lay off the Maryland shore, opposite Evansport and popped away with her little guns in the vain effort to silence our battery. We soon grew tired of this and one dark night 3 boats with muffled oars stole silently across the river and before the enemy were aware of their presence, boarded and captured her without the loss of a man. She was brought in port and used in patrolling the river. This daring capture was probably the first naval capture of the war. And this is only one of the many cases of daring bravery exhibited by our men not given in history which I hope to give to the world.

A Kentuckian is not presumed to be reliable authority on water except as an adjunct to something else. However, during the prevalent drouth in that state, some one advances the idea that if you will pour a pint of salt in a failing well, it will in a few hours restore the normal status.

## DIED.

Isham Cone, an old, widely known and highly respected citizen; died at the home of his son-in-law, R. E. McConnell, on Monday morning. Deceased had been in failing health for several months, and his friends and members of his family, had been apprehensive of the outcome of the troubles from which he suffered acutely for several months past. Tender nursing by a devoted wife and the skillful handling of the malady by accomplished physicians strengthened the vital cord and prolonged existence yet a while longer.

Mr. Cone was a native of Arkansas and came of an excellent family. He moved to this county soon after the war and for many years was engaged in the mercantile business. He was favored with a large circle of friends to whom he was ever true, and an analysis of his character showed that the trait of sincerity and honesty was pre-eminently prominent. He was a member of the Masonic Order and his remains were put to rest with masonic honors. The funeral ceremonies took place from the residence of R. E. McConnell at 4 P. M., Lovelady Lodge A. F. and A. M. in charge of W. J. Murchison, District Deputy Grand Master, officiating at the ceremonies, being assisted by the local lodge, Lothrop No. 21. The rites were very impressive and beautiful. A large number of the deceased's friends and acquaintances were present to attest the exalted estimate which they had of their departed friend and brother.

## A CARD TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Crockett Light and Ice Co. has this day leased their plant to Messrs. Duaman and Powers, who will hereafter operate the same. All bills made from this date for Light and Ice will be payable to them, and they also will be responsible for all contracts and obligations assumed by them. All dues previous to Oct. 15th. are payable to the Crockett Light and Ice Company. We commend these gentlemen to the public as worthy of their patronage and confidence. They have large experience in the Light and Ice business and thoroughly understand their work.

With many thanks to our patrons for the great patience under many trying circumstances, and for their prompt settlement of obligations, we remain, Respt.

The Crockett Light and Ice Co.  
J. B. Smith,  
Pres.

"Many have said their children would have died of croup, if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given," write Kellam & Ourren, druggist, Seayview, Va. "People come from far and near to get it and speak of it in the highest terms. This is equally true of this remedy in every community where it is known. Buy a bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store and test it for yourself."

## Court Proceedings.

The present Grand Jury is a stunner for finding bills. They seem to be scouring the county with a fine-tooth comb and overhauling every "deviation from the path of rectitude and virtue." They turned in the largest number of bills on record for the time engaged. Among them are 44 bills for felony and 22 misdemeanors. They found as many as 26 bills against one citizen, Wiley Cook (col) alias Ben Smith. The case on trial Tuesday was the state vs Geo. Odam for stealing hogs. The case went to the jury Tuesday evening, and they returned a verdict of guilty, 2 years.

The case of Collins and Douglas vs E. M. Morehead et al resulted in a mistrial, the jury dividing 6 to 6 on the case.

S. H. Oliver vs Elvie Oliver, divorce granted.

State vs Buck Murray, theft of oxen, guilty, 2 years.

State vs Sam Morehead, theft of money, dismissed.

State vs Covey Watson, theft of cattle, dismissed.

State vs E. D. Moore, Counterfeiting, dismissed.

State vs E. D. Moore, passing Counterfeit money dismissed.

Robt. Box, theft of cattle, dismissed.

State vs Sam Holmes theft of cattle dismissed.

State vs Buck Murry, theft of cattle, dismissed.

State vs America Kelley, Bigamy dismissed.

State vs Joe Maxwell, theft of oxen, dismissed.

State vs Ed Curry, theft of mule, dismissed.

State vs Wiley cook (col) alias Ben Smith for 13 cases for forgery and 12 cases for passing forged instruments and one case for attempting to pass a forged instrument, making 26 cases in all.

He entered a plea of guilty in 11 cases for forgery, getting 2 years in each case, sentence cumulative, making 22 years—the other fifteen cases being dismissed by Dist. Atty.

If District Attorney Jones could have such a run of luck as he has had this week in the case of Wiley Cook, where he gets \$30 for each plea of guilty, it would compare favorably with a Klondyke strike.

State vs Joe Robinson, theft of hogs, not guilty.

Tom Bryant et al, theft of hogs, continued.

State vs Lick Rich, assault to murder, continued.

State vs Narb Pennington, continued.

State vs Geo. Calhoun, illegally marking hogs, on trial.

## Jury Commission.

Judge Gill appointed the following jury Commission Thursday morning: H. C. Leayerton, J. H. Ratcliff and Albert Holly with instructions to meet November 1st for work.

Our neighbor on the Enterprise is very kind—indeed he is overkind. We wish to say to him and to the public once for all time and to say it with such emphasis and honesty and sincerity that all may know and believe it that the writer is and will not be a candidate for congress or anything else. He wants no office in gift of the people or position in the bestowal of any man in power; he wouldn't seek the nomination for congress if he could get it and wouldn't accept it if tendered to him. When the mania for office seeking is so rampant these sentiments may sound incredible to some people but they are honest all the same and time will vindicate the truth of them.

The writer and the Courier are for Imboden for congress, first, last and all the time, against the field and against all dark horses or horses of other color if there should happen to be such.

## A GREAT INJUSTICE.

We understand that some individual with malice in his heart no doubt, nailed on a tree at the forks of the road some seven miles N. E. of Crockett a board announcing that "there was yellow fever in Crockett." The person who did this could not have been prompted by any but motives of unfriendliness to this town. There has not been and there is not now a case of yellow fever in this town and the officious, malicious worthy who stuck up that board knew that he was doing the town a great injustice and a wrong not easily corrected. In times like these when a rumor easily develops into an authenticated fact, no one can be too careful in what he says or exercises too much precision in weighing his words describing a condition or repeating a rumor. The posting of such a falsehood does Crockett an irreparable injustice and the author of such a libel ought to be apprehended and punished for it.

Trade is sufficiently demoralized as it is without resorting to such dirty methods to injure a place.

The city was crowded Monday morning. It was the beginning of Criminal Court. A large number of witnesses were here from Cracker's Bend to go before the grand jury, having ridden 32 miles to do so and the grand jury had adjourned. The Cracker's Bend witnesses were: J. B. Oliver, J. Jordan, E. J. Sullivan, C. B. Sullivan, S. T. Sullivan, D. S. Durham. We noted the presence of quite a number of prominent farmers present in attendance on court or looking after business: Among them J. T. Herod, C. B. Daly, W. P. Kyle, E. A. Williams, A. J. Belot, Gid Webb, J. M. Porter, Dr. W. B. Collins, J. H. Wakefield, H. Whitescarver.

## To The Public.

We the undersigned, having leased the Crockett Light and Ice plant hereby solicit a continuance of your patronage, and pledge ourselves to make every effort to give entire satisfaction to our patrons. All complaints in regard to service will be attended to promptly. Respectfully, Dunman & Powers.

## PROLONG THE BEAUTY OF YOUTH.

While the saying "beauty is only skin deep" is a homely one, it is literally true. Nor does the truth of the statement at all affect or detract from the power of beauty. For loveliness is a power in itself which is well nigh irresistible. Women all recognize it, and men bow in humble submission before its shrine. It behooves one who wishes to cultivate beauty, therefore to study how she may secure the best possible effects from the advantages which she possesses.

It nature has been lavish in her gifts, not much be done; if on the contrary, the skin—that ephemeral mantle on which beauty depends—is ill-favored or has been misused, art must be called in as a help to Nature, and indeed, Nature is always willing to be so helped—is grateful for it and responds kindly and generously provided she is not abused.

If you wish to aid Nature in continuing a smooth skin and to do away with the wrinkles of advancing age or abuse, discontinue the abuse and use only Lana Oil, and Violets of Cashmere Complexion Toilet Soap from L. H. HARING & CO'S. Drug Store.

# THE KLONDYKE

## OF TEXAS.

Klondyke! The word is magic because it means gold. It is interesting because the bright metal soothes many a sorrow and fills many a void. You hear of the Klondyke of Alaska and you are grieved on account of the distance that separates you. Why should your ambition not be satisfied when here in your very midst is the Klondyke of Texas, where gold is to be had only for the gathering. What matters it to you if it didn't come from Alaska, so you got it honorably. That is all you have to bother about. If you make it by buying with judgment and by attending our Fire and Bankrupt sales, then you make it honorably and you should be pleased. You should not worry about Alaska. It is cold at Alaska and the hardships of the winter seasons are great and for every ounce of gold you could gather up there you would also gather as much in disappointment, sorrow and hardship. Here in your very midst you can gather the pure Gold. \$2.50 saved on a \$5. pair of pants and \$5.00 saved on \$15.00 worth of goods is that much of the pure yellow metal added to your bank account. The difference in the Klondyke of Alaska and the Klondyke of Texas is this: At the Klondyke of Alaska YOU do the digging, undergo the hardships, suffer with cold and reap disappointment. At the Klondyke of Texas, Mistrot Bros & Co., do the digging and YOU gather the gold. The people of Houston and adjoining counties have seen a great deal of our Klondyke mine at Crockett, but they have not seen it all. It is only a shadow of what is yet to be seen. We have opened the mine in full blast this week for the fall and winter business and below we give you a list of just a few of the numerous precious nuggets she contains.

### STAPLES.

Good weight yd wide Seaisland Domestic, cheap at 5 our Klondyke price 3c per yd.  
 Extra heavy yd wide Brown Domestic, same grade that others ask 6½ and 7c pr yd for, our price 4½c.  
 Good yd wide Bleached Domestic, free from starch, grade that sells everywhere at 5c, the Klondyke price 3c.  
 Good round thread Cotton Stripes, pretty dress patterns, 5c quality, our Klondyke price 2½c.  
 Good heavy Cotton Flannel worth 7c, at 4½c.  
 Good heavy Jeans, cheap at 15c, our price 8c.  
 Extra heavy all wool twilled Red Flannel, regular 20c quality, the Klondyke price 10c.  
 Irish Frieze worth 12½c, at 8½c.  
 Good round thread Chiviot, cheap at 6½c, for 4½c.  
 Five cases of good oil colors and fast col's figured prints 3½c per yard.  
 All the newest dress styles in Hamilton, Windsor, Garner and Simpson's Prints at 4½c.  
 Red Table Damask that would be very cheap at 25c a yard, goes at our mine at 15c.  
 Good large, White Counterpanes, crochet patterns, worth the world over 75c, at 50c.  
 Beautiful large size Lace Curtains, would be very cheap at 75c per pr, our price 45c.  
 Nice, large Towel worth 8½c, at 5c.  
 Nice quality Twilled Crash for towels, would be cheap at 6½c, at 3½c.  
 All Linen Crash for toweling, cheap for 8½c, our Klondyke price 5c.  
 Nice Dress Gingham worth 7c, at 4½c.  
 1500 yds Foy Savoy Flannels cheap at 12½c, for 7½c.  
 500 pieces best Table Oil Cloth, 25c grade at only 10c.

### DRESS GOODS.

Double width Cashmere, all colors with trimming to match, worth and sold elsewhere for 15c per yard, our price 8½c.  
 Beautiful double width Henrietta Cloth, 36 inches wide, worth 35c pr yd, slightly soiled on edges, at 10c.  
 Beautiful Chamelion Novelty Worsted, worth 15c, at 9½c.  
 Fine line of double width Chamelion Novelties in dress worsteds, worth 25c, at 12½c.  
 Novelty Scotch Plaid Dress Goods worth 20c, at 12½c.  
 Beautiful finished, all wool 46 inch Serges, all col's in trimmings to match—from the Ely Walker fire sale at 35 cents per yard. It only requires about 6 yards to make a dress. These goods would cost 75c per yd in any store in the country that buy their goods in the regular way.  
 All wool, 36 inch serge worth 50c, at 24c.  
 Silk Velvet in all colors, cheap at \$1.00 pr yd, for 49c.

### SHOES.

Ladies' Dongola Kid Button, patent tip, all sizes, 3 to 8, sells everywhere for \$1.00, at 85c.  
 Ladies' Glove-grain Button, all sizes, solid leather soles and counters, well worth \$1.25, at 75c.  
 Mens' heavy Veal Calf Congress Working Shos, worth \$1.25, at 90c.

Mens' Heavy, Oil-grain Buckle and Lace Slides, cheap at \$1.00, for 85c.

Mens' Satin Calf and Imitation Kangaroo, all sizes in either, cheap at \$1.25, for 90c.  
 Men's Cordovan, cap, plain or pointed toe, crinkled vamp and very nobby, would be cheap for \$2.00, at \$1.25.  
 Men's Genuine Vici Kid, patent leather tips and trimming, would be cheap for \$3.00, at \$1.98.  
 Big lot of Mens' Handsewed Sample Shoes, no two pr alike, worth \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pr, choice of lot \$1.98.  
 Ladies' Bright Dongola Button, solid leather, patent tips, well worth and sold elsewhere at \$1.50, for 98c.  
 Ladies' Dongola Kid Button, hand turned, patent tip, in square and pointed toes, as good value as is ever sold anywhere for \$2.50, at \$1.75. Lot of Ladies' Fine Sample \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes, your choice for \$1.98.  
 We carry a full line of the Celebrated Drew, Silby & Co's. Fine Shoes in all the late styles and colors for ladies and misses. Every pair of these are warranted and for style, fit and finish they cannot be equaled by any other make for the money we ask for them.  
 We have a full line of Infants' Soft Sole Shoes in sat in and kid and in White Pick Blue Blk, from 35 to 65c.  
 Childrens' turned patent tip 50c shoes for 25c.

### CLOTHING.

In this department we are prepared to show the greatest bargains ever offered by any concern in America.  
 In a recent purchase of the entire stock of a virtually "busted" manufacturer in New York at 52 cents on the dollar we surpassed all previous records for bargains in this line. This concern, Messrs. Schram & Co., had a national reputation on this clothing for fit and finish and did a big business, but like many merchants in Texas, were trying to do business without sufficient capital. Consequently the time came when they were compelled to raise a very large sum of money (seventy two thousand dollars,) or make an assignment. Our Mr. Wagner was on the spot with "Klondyke" stuff, and as no other man with the "cash" who could handle so great a quantity could be found, they were forced to take his offer of 52 cents on the dollar and the following are a few of the things we have to offer from this stock.  
 Mens' All Wool Cashmere Suits \$2.98, would be cheap at \$6.50.  
 Mens' Fine All Wool Scotch Cheviot Suits for \$5.00, would be dirt cheap at \$3.50.  
 Mens' All Wool Imported Black Clay Worsted Suits for \$6.50, well worth \$10.00.  
 Mens' Extra Fine Imported Clay Worsted Prince Albert Suit in single or double breasted coat \$12.50, would be cheap at \$18.00.  
 Mens' All Wool Pants, extra well made in solid piece without waistbands for \$1.50, regular \$3.00 goods.  
 Big Line Tailor's Misfit Pants at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per pair. There is not a pair of them that is not worth \$5.00 and some are worth as much as \$6.50.  
 Boys' All Wool Knee Pants Suits, extra value for \$2.50, our price \$1.50.  
 Boys' Knee Pants 25c grade for 15c.  
 Boys' Shirt Waists 25c grade for 15c.  
 In addition to the above we ask your special atten-

tion to the letter we publish below which is self explaining.

### GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

In this department we can give you a Fine Laundried Neglige Shirt like others ask 50c for, at 25c.  
 A Fine Laundried Neglige Shirt like others ask 75c for, at 35c.  
 A Fine White Laundried Shirt that sells everywhere for 75c, at 45c.  
 Nice Celuloid Collar for 3c.  
 Fine Linen Collar for 5c.  
 Fine Large Handkerchief for 2½c.  
 Fine Wire Buckle Suspenders worth 20c for 10c.  
 Good Seamless Socks for 5c.  
 Good Undershirt, sells everywhere for 25c at 15c.  
 Good pair Drill Drawers, 25c grade, for 12½c.  
 Fine All Silk Handkerchief, like others sell for 50, for 25c.  
 Best Doubled Duck Overall for 50c.  
 Good Extra Well Made Work Shirt for 25c.

### HATS.

In this department we have over 1000 styles ranging in price from 25c to \$2.50.  
 We can sell you an elegant Alpine shaped Hat with satin lining, in black, brown or tan, that sells everywhere at \$2.00 for 98c.  
 Fine Black or Nutria Color Stetson black satin lined, genuine Russia leather sweat band, for \$1.98, that would cost at the cheapest store in the country \$3.00.  
 We have a fine line of sample hats at \$1.50 for choice, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each.

### NOTION DEPARTMENT

AND LADIES FURNISHING.  
 Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Fleece Lined Ribbed Vest with long sleeves, silk finished fronts with nice pearl buttons, well worth 50c, the Klondyke price \$1.3c.  
 Ladies' Fast Black Hose, 5c grade, at 3c.  
 Ladies' Fast Col'd Drop Stitch Seamless Hose cheap at 15c per pair, for 8½c.  
 Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose 10c grade, for 5c.  
 Listen! The well known Foster Patent 8 hook Kid Gloves in black, tan, brown, green or drab, worth and sold for \$1.25, going in our Klondyke sale at only 50c.  
 Ladies' Gauntlet Kid Gloves worth \$1.00 for 40c.  
 Ladies' Col'd Bordered and White Hem Stitched Handkerchiefs, 8½c grade, Klondyke price 2½c.  
 Nice Corset, slightly soiled, well worth 40c, only 15c.  
 Ladies' Colored and Black Corsets, some of them well worth 75c, to close at 40c.  
 One Paper of Pins 1c. One Paper of Best Sharp's Needles 1c. One nice Pencil with rubber 1c. One Dozen Slate Pencils in cedar 1c. One Package of Chewing Gum 1c. One Package of chocolate 1c. One Spool Basting Cotton 1c. One Spool of Embroidrey Silk 1c. One Cake of Fine Coconut Oil Toilet Soap 2c. One Card of Hooks and Eyes 2c. One Card of Rice Buttons, 12 dozen on a card 2c. One Card of Safety Pins 2c. Ore Ball of Darning Cotton 2c. One Spool of Sewing Silk 4c.

Office of  
**Mistrot Bros. & Co.,**  
 47 Leonard St.

NEW YORK CITY, September 16th, 1897.

Mistrot Bros. & Co., Crockett, Texas.  
 Sutton:

We bought to-day from the Florshiem Tailoring Co., 582 very fine tailor made suits at 54 cents on the dollar and have shipped the entire lot to Crockett. Some of them are missfits from the spring business and may be a little odd sized for your trade, but it is elegant stuff and we think your trade will appreciate its extraordinary value, but should it not move readily with you you can ship it to Houston or Marlin. Am glad to note the improvement in business at Crockett since you took charge.

Yours truly, G. A. Mistrot,

## MISTROT BROTHERS & CO.,

The closest buyers and closest sellers in Texas.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.



# Oh Luna, Luna! Why Shine so Bright IN CROCKETT?

Times are too hard to show any one a moonshine shadow and expect them to part with hard-earned coin. There was never a time in the history of our lives when money was more valuable than it is to-day.

## Men, Women and children

come in our store almost every day disappointed by what they call moonshine advertisements. Will only mention one example: (Good yd. wide Seaisland domestic advertised at a price and has been so often called for and each time substituted by a very poor quality of 3c. canvass.) If that be the way our competitors expect to advertise we wish to say that we pay for this space in the paper not to fill with moonshine disappointments for the people who wish to trade, but to tell them what we have and what we want for it. It would be almost impossible to advertise everything we have. Will only mention a few of our good things.

## STAPLES.

Good yard-wide LL brown domestic cheap at 5 and 6c. our bargain price 4c. per yd. or 25 yds. for \$1.  
Extra heavy yard wide brown domestic, 6 1/2 and 7c. quality, at 4 1/2c. per yd.  
Round thread cotton stripes, good dress styles, at 2 1/2c. per yd. Better grades at 4c.  
Extra heavy chevots worth 7 and 8c., going for 5c. per yd.  
Yard wide bleach domestic 3c. per yd. Better grades up to 5 and 7c. per yd.

Good width, good weight, long nap Canton flannel, 6c. quality, at 4 1/2c. per yd. Better grades up to the best.

Two faced Canton flannel, nice quality, long nap, 6 1/2c. kind, 5c. per yd. Also brown and red Canton flannel; good quality, extra width, blue and gray mixed. Also pink Irish frieze, cheap at 12c., going for 8c. per yd. Also better grades up to the best.

If you need a feather tick that will hold either feathers or water, call and see our line at prices unheard in Crockett. Good quality, waterproof, 50c. kind, at 35c. per yd. Best grade 75c. kind at 50c. per yd.

All wool red twilled flannel, worth 16 1/2c., going at 10c. per yd. No damaged, fire or bankrupt goods everything fresh from the factory. We also have blue and white flannel in better grades.

Good large white counterpanes, nice crochet patterns, worth and sold for 75c., going in this sale at 50c. each.

Turkey red table damask 12 1/2c. per yd.

Apron check staple gingham 6c. kind 4 1/2c. per yd. Good dress styles fancy plaid gingham 6 1/2 and 7c. kind 4 1/2c. per yd., also better grades.

## Dress Goods.

When reading our ad. please remember we carry no bankrupt or

damaged goods. We only handle the newest and latest goods that can be had from the factory. Just received double width cashmere in all the new colors worth 12 1/2 and 15c., going for 8c. per yd. (in new goods). Trimmings to match. Should you need a nice dress see our patterns. No two alike.

## Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Ladies' fast black hose, seamless and stainless, sold in any house in Crockett at 15c. to 20c., our bargain price 10c. per pair. Same in ribbed for children. Try our 25c. black hose. They are worth 40c. Ladies' self fitting Jersey ribbed, fleece lined, long sleeve vests, 25c. kind for 15c. each. Extra heavy Jersey ribbed, fleece lined, silk finish front and collar with nice pearl buttons, cheap in any store at 45c. our grand bargain price 25c. each. Gents' white undershirts well made 20c. kind 12 1/2c. each. Gents' extra heavy cotton merino shirts cheap at 40c. for 25c. each. Shirts and drawers worth \$1.75 going for \$1 per suit. Gents' 1/2 hose worth 8 1/2c. and 10c. at 5c. pair. Gents' kid gloves worth 65c. going for 50c. 40c. work glove for 25c. Genuine 10 hook Foster patent glove any color worth \$1 and \$1.25, our bargain price 75c. per pair. Straight and link cuffs. Arrow, Coon and Cluett brands of collars. We have

a few styles in Monarch Shirts to close prices from \$1 to \$1.75. Some of these shirts are stamped \$1.50 and Lever sold for less. Some sold for \$1.75. The entire lot will go for 75c. each. Good weight, good quality, regular full made work shirts with cord seems, 40c. kind, 25c. each.

## Clothing.

Of all the excellent bargains in our store Clothing takes the lead. It does us good to hear you say clothing when you come in our store. The value is so plain that we never miss selling any one who wants to buy a suit. Call and see if you can buy our \$10 suit in any other store for less than \$12.50 or \$15. We know beyond all doubt that we have the best suit ever offered in Crockett for \$7.50. It would be cheap at \$10. Compare our \$4 suit with any \$5.50 suit in Crockett.

## Shoes and Hats

We will not mention prices. We only ask you to compare them. It is said by every one who have bought shoes of us that we carry the best line in Crockett.

## Trunks and Grips.

Any man, woman or child needing a trunk or grip will lose money if they fail to see this line. So far we have had no competition on them.



Here is the best corset ever shown in this city. Genuine featherbone—the only corset made that the stay will neither break or rust and is said by all who that it is the most comfortable corset made. The selling price is generally \$1.25, our price 90c. Also a 75c. corset for 50c. Don't forget these corsets are sold on 4 week's trial. After that time if not perfectly satisfactory we take the corset back and give you the money you paid for it.

## NOTIONS

A few bargains in notions: 48 envelopes for 5c. 2 2oz. bottles of David's best blacking for 5c. 1 good 200 page recitation ink tablet cheap at 10c. for 5c. each. 2 200 page pencil tablets for 5c. 6 cards of hooks and eyes for 5c. 1 paper gold eyed needles for 5c. 36 collar buttons slightly imperfect 5c. 3 spools Clark's O. N. T. thread 10c.

**LADIES!** DON'T FORGET THAT WE FURNISH THE latest fashion plate from Butterick Publishing Co. with every dress we sell. Ask for them.

# McLean & Wilson.

## LOCAL NEWS.

In some places the army worm is eating up the cotton.

Car load of Mitchell wagons received by Craddock & Co.

Court will likely be in session the full term of seven weeks.

Come round and try one of Aus Hall's Cocktails at city saloon

All kinds of drinks at city saloon cherry toddy's, cocktails, eggshakes, etc.

Holloway Power of Anderson county was down Thursday of last week.

If you want the best wagon on earth buy the Studebaker at McConnell's.

If you want the best wagon on earth, buy the Mitchell sold by Craddock & Co.

The COURIER has a first-class job printer now and can do any and all kinds of job work.

When you come to town don't forget to call at the city saloon when in need of any thing kept in a first class saloon.

McConnell has received this week a car of the celebrated "Studebaker wagons which he is selling at extremely low prices.

Many people seem to think that with two or three weeks more of warm weather without frost the top crop of cotton will mature.

If ever a town was afflicted with dogs Crockett is. You can't walk or drive through the streets without stumbling or driving over one.

## Courier Office.

Subscribers should remember that our office at present is in front of the Capitol Hotel and not where it formerly was, west of J. C. Wooters' store.

Who is going up to the celebration of Houston County Day at the Anderson County Fair? There will be such a day with a low excursion rate.

I represent five of the largest tailoring houses in America. Have the largest number of patterns to select from that have ever been shown in Crockett.

J. F. DOWNES.

We hope our friends in the country will send in communications and give us all the neighborhood news. We would like to have a letter every week from each post office in the county.

## To The Public.

I am now prepared to serve the people with all kinds of liquors, wines, brandise, champagne and cigars. Special attention to order from the county. City Saloon.

## Notice, Notice!!

Notice I will pay five dollars reward for all escaped convicts from my farm placed in the keeping of some jailer where I can get them.

B. E. HAIL.

There is no wagon traveling Texas roads that will compare with the Mitchell. For ease of running, strength and soundness of material, workmanship and durability, it is without a peer. Come round to Craddock & Co's and price and see them.

Don't let up on the labors for erecting a new church on the Methodist corner. Keep up the work, continue the solicitation, tear down the old shell of a house and go ahead with the foundations of the new one. Don't wait 'til you have every cent needed. Don't wait for the soliciting committee to call on you and ask you to subscribe to the enterprise but step up and put down your signature for all you are able to give. The way to do a thing is to do it—which means not to let interest lag or flag when once aroused.

Fil Robinson from the convict farm has been in Crockett this week. He says that the farm, including top crop, will make about 1200 bales of cotton. He also said that five convicts escaped from the camp last week—one of whom was overtaken by dogs and caught near Hyde's Ferry.

About the hottest, maddest set of men in Texas to day are the Boards of Health in the cities of Galveston and Houston. To think that they had had yellow fever in their cities for weeks, that the cases had recovered and it wasn't known by the boards or the physicians in charge of such patients is too much to have to go through and emerge therefrom with unruffled, even, smooth tempers. These gentlemen have good grounds for feeling as they do. The idea of one little old expert from Washington coming down to Galveston and Houston and defying the opinion of all the medicos in those cities, some of them having had a long experience with yellow fever and its treatment.

Few men in this country are better or more favorable known to the drug and medicine trade than Mr. E. J. Schall, buyer in the proprietary medicine department of the Meyer's Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis. He says: "My boy came home from school with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain. I dressed the wound and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm, freely; all ceased and in a remarkably short time, it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." Sold by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

**Big Judgments.**  
The County Clerk's Office has been very busy the last few days recording abstracts of judgment, all issuing from the District Court of Smith County.

1—One by W. L. Moody & Co. for \$5,935.34; 2—One by Gus Taylor, Receiver First National Bank, Tyler for \$10,205.00; 3—One by Gus Taylor, Receiver etc for \$5,139.64; 4—One by Gus Taylor, Receiver etc for \$3,614.41; 5—One by A. G. McIlwaine, Receiver City National Bank, for \$6,327.82; 6—One by National Bank Commerce, St. Louis, for \$6,450.43; 7—One by American Ex. National Bank, N. Y. for \$5,305.48; 8—One by Galveston National Bank for \$2,298.15; 9—One by W. L. Moody & Co. for \$5,935.34.

The first judgment is against John Durst, executor and trustee—the second against John Durst—the third against J. D. Moody, John Durst and H. F. Rowland—the fourth against John Durst and the Tyler Car and Lumber Co.—the fifth against John Durst—the sixth against John Durst, First National Bank, Tyler and Gus Taylor—the seventh against John Durst, Gus Taylor et al—the eighth against John Durst and Gus Taylor—the ninth against John Durst executor and trustee of Susan W. Thorn.

## Dangerous Habit Of Hitching.

We are witnesses nearly every day in the week of very careless, even dangerous habits of hitching teams to wagons. Some one will drive in from the country, drop the traces to his horses and tie the lines to the wagon. All day long, may be, those horses or mules, will stand there (if they don't run off) and fret and get tangled up in harness. There is no excuse for such hitching except that of indifference or laziness. With just a little more exertion the horses could be taken out and hitched to rack and all be safe. Such hitching as they do is positively dangerous to the horses, to other horses and to persons. And as we said above there is no excuse for it, none whatever.

At this writing Friday (Oct. 15), the only communication with Houston is by Bulletins. These give very little news of the situation except the controversies among the doctors as to what the prevailing trouble is. The Houston Board of Health composed of men of ability and experience (some of them) in the treatment of yellow fever insist that the fever diagnosed as yellow fever by Dr. Guiteras is nothing more than "dengue" fever, prevalent at this time all over the state. The laity can only stand back and look on in open-mouth wonder at the dissensions and quarrels of the doctors. One bulletin gave the report that the yellow fever was at Navasota, though the local Board of Health of that city denied it and pronounced the malady "dengue" or break-bone fever. There will be more developments during the coming week. At present there are no through trains to and from St. Louis. A local passes up in the evening and down in the morning, but this doesn't go farther North than Palestine or South than Houston. There is a great deal of excitement and the air is rife with rumors of every degree of extravagance. While this state of affairs prevails in town, we can but imagine the extent of the panic in the country.

**Wanted**  
1000 bushels of sound corn at the Brick Livery Stable.

# The Banner County of East Texas

## IS HOUSTON.

**Read of Its Advantages, Its Inducements to the Man of Capital, to the Farmer and all Who Seek Good Lands at Low Figures, Good Society, Good Schools, in Short all Those Conditions Which Contribute to Success in Any Enterprise.**

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31½ degrees north; longitude 95½ degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 miles 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.

### 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 Southeastern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity Cameron & Western is now projected through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being surveyed and 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 schools 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 67½ cents on the \$100 valuation.

### CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes over 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 of 680,000 acres is virgin prairie and for est.

### 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 other kinds. Nine-tenths of the area of the county was origi-

nally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved agricultural 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, sassafras, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Fort Worth, Houston County took the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory or any other using hard wood, would do well here.

yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruits 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

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 understands this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proved and are deserving of attention.

In 1894 Houston County pro-

low prices of staple products.

The County Seat of Houston County is Crockett, located on the I. & G. N. R. R. and has a population of 3,500. The town is incorporated and has its own schools, supported in part by the state, county and city each and free for nine months in the year. There are thirty-five to forty-five business houses of different kinds, a Cotton-Seed Oil-Mill, Ice Plant, Electric Plant besides other enterprises. The Methodist, Baptists, Presbyterian and Christian churches all have organizations, with preaching in each pulpit nearly every Sunday. The society of Crockett is noted for its refinement and culture. There are two weekly papers published in the town, the Courier and Enterprise. Grapeland, 12 miles to the North, is a town of 700 or 800 people, with a school free for six or eight months in the year, excellent society, a newspaper, the Herald, fine church buildings, several business houses, situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. Lovelady, another live enterprising town, on the I. & G. N., 12 miles to the South, is noted for its fine school, excellent society, fine church buildings and its church going society, school free six to eight months in the year.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmore, 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, men of energy and enterprise.

There is a fine opening here for capital to be invested in a variety of paying enterprises.

### HOW TO REACH HOUSTON COUNTY.

Crockett, Texas, the county seat of Houston County, is located directly on the great artery of commerce, extending from St. Louis on the North to Houston and Galveston on the South, as shown by map.

Crockett is one of the principal stations on the Gulf Division of the International & Great Northern R. R. which road with its connections, forms the short line between principal points in Texas and St. Louis and Chicago, etc.

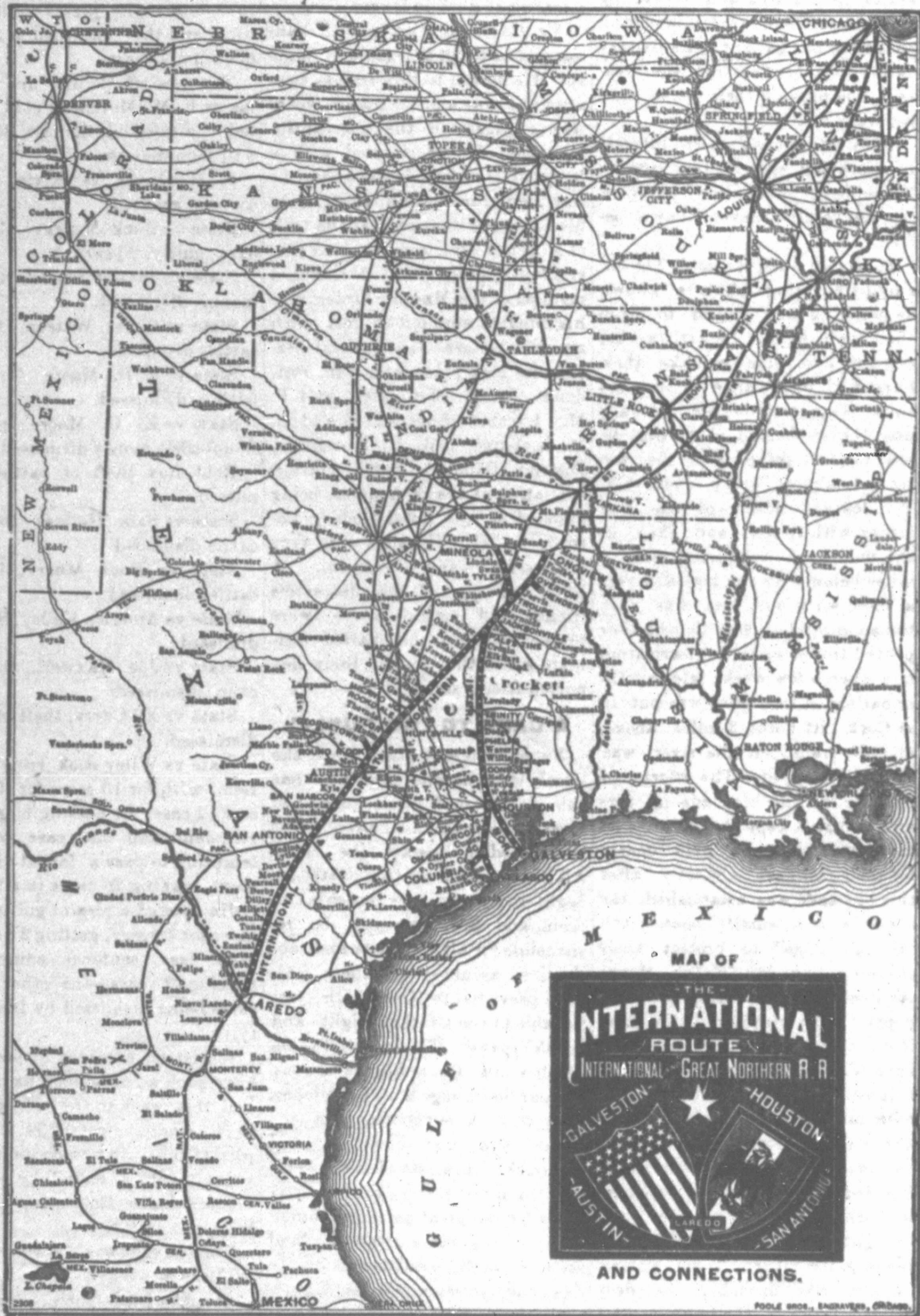
Crockett, Grapeland, Lovelady and other points in Houston County, can best be reached via the International Route, passing as it does directly through the county North and South.

There are in effect each Fall and Winter, what are known as Winter Tourist Rates to the various resorts of Texas and Mexico, which may be taken advantage of by prospectors desiring to investigate for themselves the merits of this region.

Purchase a Winter Tourist Ticket to Houston or Galveston via the International Route, (I. & G. N. R. R.) and stop-over will be permitted on application to Conductor of I. & G. N. R. R. at such point or points as may be desired.

Also on certain specified dates each year Low Rate Home Seekers' Excursions are run from various Northern and Eastern points to Texas. (Those so far arranged for 1895 are on February 12th, March 5th, April 2nd and 30th.) On these excursion tickets stop off will be allowed on application to I. & G. N. Conductor.

These arrangements enable all desiring to do so to visit Houston County cheaply and easily, investigate for themselves, and determine by personal inspection the many advantages of this fertile region.



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, tiling, pottery, etc. Also there are large 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.

### FRUITS.

The soil of Houston County is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, figs, plums, apricots and grapes

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 a 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

duced 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 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

# MANY THINK!

when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary. Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

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## SITUATION AT GALVESTON AND HOUSTON, THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK.

### THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE YELLOW FEVER.

Commercial Jealousy Thought to Have Something to Do With It.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 13.—The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the city council to-day:

In view of the fact that Dr. John Guiteras, an eminent physician in the United States marine hospital service, has recently made an official investigation of the health of the city of Galveston, and upon personal examination and diagnosis had reported officially the existence of yellow fever in this city, and of the further fact that our local physicians of large experience in the diagnosis and treatment of that disease have generally dissented from the opinion of Dr. Guiteras concerning the nature of the disease; and of the further fact that although a week has passed since the discovery of the cases so diagnosed by Dr. Guiteras, no infection or new cases have spread from them, nor have any of these cases nor any of the many others similarly affected proved fatal, the city council of the city of Galveston think proper to publicly express their belief that the widespread alarm occasioned by Dr. Guiteras' report is not warranted by the facts as they actually exist, and to this end be it resolved by the city council of the city of Galveston:

1. That from our own observation, as also from the experienced opinion of our local physicians, if the cases which have been pronounced yellow fever at Galveston are truly such, we unhesitatingly say that the disease has prevailed in our midst for weeks. There have been numerous cases in every part of the city, falling under the eyes of our local physicians, and up to the time of Dr. Guiteras' arrival escaped diagnosis as yellow fever and uniformly resulted in recovery of the patients.

2. Under these circumstances we can not accept Dr. Guiteras' diagnosis and are unwilling to declare or admit that yellow fever prevails in this city.

3. That either the cases under consideration here are not yellow fever, or if they be yellow fever

that disease has lost its dangerous character, and the fever now prevailing in Texas, by whatever name the same be called, is not attended with any mortality.

4. That nothing contained in these resolutions is intended to reflect upon the high character, standing and great erudition of Dr. Guiteras, but we do intend to express our entire confidence in the wisdom, capacity and integrity of our local physicians, especially those who have had long experience in diagnosing and treating yellow fever, and to say that their opinions are supported, and that of Dr. Guiteras is disproved, by the uncontrovertible facts stated in these resolutions.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 13.—The quarantine situation and yellow fever scare and the results have been the chief topic of conversation and concern to day in this city and a diary of the day's doings would be made up chiefly of things and deeds connected with the yellow fever scare and quarantine matters. The ball was opened by a meeting of the city council at 10 o'clock. The next feature of it was brought out by the following telegram:

Crockett, Tex., Oct. 13.—To H. Booth, Houston: Special representatives from counties north of Harris county reach Houston at 3 p. m. Please see Mayor Rice, county and city health officers and boards of health and have them meet us on arrival, as I think after conference counties north will be willing to raise quarantine against Houston; also arrange to meet us on arrival. G. L. NOBLE.

The special train got in all right and the party met them at the depot, where quite a lengthy conference and discussion was held. In the party were Drs. Collier of Conroe, J. M. Colley, health officer of Palestine; W. G. Jamison, surgeon of the International and Great Northern road; Chief surgeon Meredith of Grapeland, Dr. John B. Smith of Crockett, Collier and C. T. Darby, Judge Cooper and C. F. Davey. They came down in charge of Mr. Noble and were met soon after their arrival by the mayor, city health officer and several aldermen and President Stuart of the local board of health.

The visitors had no time to leave the car to inspect suspicious cases, but Dr. Stuart, Dr. McElroy and Mayor Rice made them talks, the two doctors giving a full history of the cases.

Many questions were asked by the visitors and answered. Dr. McElroy explained to them the case of McConnell, who was well and anxious to be released. The doctor stated that he had been drinking several days and upon arriving at the office the man fell to the floor from vertigo and the great expert, Guiteras, declared it yellow fever and a very pronounced case. This suspect's case almost brought the whole matter into ridicule by reason of the course or conduct of McConnell while in quarantine.

The doctor further explained the cases of Officers Lee and Fenn and Dr. Dorsey Mason, all of whom were by Guiteras pronounced yellow fever. They were all well and wanted to get out. They never had the main symptoms of yellow fever, but had dengue.

The visitors, from the clinical history of the cases, said they had such cases in their practice. They feel confident that Houston had no yellow fever sickness and would so report upon their return home. They believe that the trouble will be over in a few days.

The business discussion was followed by a line of choice refreshment, in which all took an active hand.

## Cheap Homes

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Real Estate and Land For Sale  
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21 acres, Henry Masters league, 2 miles east from the town of Crockett, on Crockett and Central road. Level post oak land. Will make a nice little farm.—Unimproved.

400 acres, R de la Garza league, 10 miles north-west from town of Crockett. Well improved and an abundance of good water on Elkhart creek. Several good houses on this farm.

400 acres, Wm. Dickerson Hr., 4 miles north from Crockett. Extra well improved, good houses, barns etc, on this place.

100 acres, Plinney Blanchard league, 8 miles south from Crockett. Improved and good farming land.

75 acres, R. B. Frost Hr., 6 miles south from Crockett, near I. & G. N. R. R.—Improved.

100 acres, J. W. Harvey Hr., 13 miles south-west from Crockett.—Improved. Good farm.

160 acres, Wesley Truss Hr., 7 miles north from Crockett on I. & G. N. R. R. House on this place in sight of said rail road. Very well improved; also farming land.

200 acres, J. B. Hallmark Hr., 10 miles east from Crockett on White Rock creek. Good improvement and about 75 acres open land and some very fine bottom land on this place.

200 acres, Joseph Teague Hr., 10 miles north-east from Crockett. Improved and also farming land.

50 acres, M. Blackshear Hr., 14 miles east from Crockett, near East Prairie. Small improvement on this place.

56 acres, M. H. Johnson Hr., 16 miles north-east from Crockett, all unimproved, well timbered.

615 acres, John Gregory League, 1 1/2 miles south from Lovelady on Tanta-bogue Creek—all unimproved. Very fine land.

640 acres, G. G. Alford Hr., 25 miles east from Crockett. Improved; very fine farming land, on Cochino Bayou. UNIMPROVED TRACTS.

320 acres, W. E. Hayes Hr., 11 miles east from Crockett.—Pine land.

483 acres, J. C. Teague Hr., 10 miles north-east from Crockett.—Post oak and red oak.

248 acres, W. Dillard Hr., 14 miles east from Crockett.—Pine land.

200 acres, Antonia Brazo Hr., 18 miles south-east from Crockett.—Pine, red oak and hickory timber.

117 acres, O. Peterson Hr., 18 miles north-east from Crockett.—Red oak and black jack timber.

400 acres, Collin Adrich Hr., 8 miles south-west from Crockett.—Post oak, black jack and hickory timber.

320 acres, F. M. McNeil Hr., 8 miles north from Crockett.—Hickory, black jack and post oak timber.

132 acres, J. Smith Hr., 8 1/2 miles north-west from Crockett.—Blackjack and hickory timber.

227 acres, O. M. Vinton, 16 miles south-west from Crockett. 207 acres, Wm. Cruz, 10 1/2 miles south-east from Crockett. 350 acres, John Edens, 18 miles north-west from Crockett.—Red oak timber.

200 acres, John Moore league, 4 miles south from Crockett, near Crockett and Huntsville road. 100 acres in cultivation and 100 acres timbered land.

132 acres, T. R. Townsend Hr. 6 miles south-west from Crockett on Crockett and San Antonio road; 65 acres in cultivation.

200 acres, Arther Henrie Hr., 18 miles south-east from Crockett, in McKinzie bend on Trinity river. Well improved and very fine bottom land.

Also about 20,000 acres unimproved land in different portions of the county for sale on easy terms.

350 acres, John Eden's league, 18 miles north-west from Crockett. Very fine farming land.—Unimproved.

1500 acres, Jacob Masters Jr. league, 10 miles north-east from Crockett on San Antonio road; 200 acres in cultivation. Good dwelling house and several tenant houses on place. Very good improvements. Near good church and school house. Will sell in quantities to suit purchasers on easy terms.

458 acres, J. Masters Sr., unimproved but would make a good farm. 6 miles north-east from Crockett.

110 acres, Wm Johnson Hr., 18 miles east from Crockett. Good farming land.

88 acres, Luke Bust Hr., 10 miles east from Crockett, near Concord church. Good farming land.—upland—unimproved.

100 acres, J. Allbright league, on Trinity river; not subject to overflow. Very fine land.—Unimproved.

320 acres, T. J. Goolsby Hr., 9 miles north east from Crockett. Good upland.

240 acres, H. Young, 6 miles north east from Crockett, near San Antonio road; well timbered.

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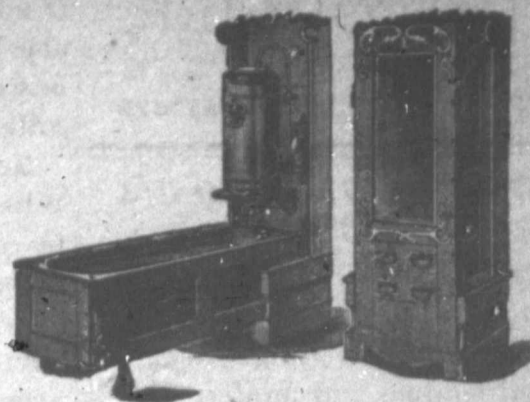
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Why our business expands every month in the year; it is owing to the fact that we know how to buy goods and how to sell them and we also understand how to treat all people square, and do so in every instance.

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Others are every day considering all this, which has become "town talk," per consequence each day in the month accessions are made to our list of customers.

If you have doubts, investigate, and the advantage in bestowing your patronage upon us will be as plain as the nose on your face, and your doing so will mean in the event you are NOW SUCCESSFUL BETTER SUCCESS, and in case YOU ARE NOT SUCCEEDING FUTURE SUCCESS. . . .

We haven't enough SPACE, nor sufficient hours of GRACE to enumerate herein an extensive list of OUR possessions that were Bought so low as to cause some to marvel at the cheapness thereof compared with quality.

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 Round thread wire twist Plaids, 20 inch wide, 3 1-3 c, worth 4c per yard.  
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 Cheviots, good quality, fast colors, 27 inch wide, 5c, worth 6c.  
 Cheviots, best made, fast colors, 27 inch wide, 7 1/2c, worth 8 1/2c.  
 Good quality Mattress Tick, 5 c, worth 6c.  
 Better " " " 6c, " 7c.  
 Best " " " 7c, " 8c.  
 Genuine A C A Feather Tick, 10c, worth 12 1/2c.  
 Apron check Gingham, 4 1/2c, worth 5 1/2c.  
 Good quality Calico, (dress styles,) 3 1-3c, worth 4c.  
 Good quality Linsey, 8c, worth 10c.  
 All wool Linsey, 15c, worth 17 1/2c.  
 Merrick's best Six Cord Thread, 5c per spool, or 7 for 25c.  
 Chadwick's best Six Cord Thread, 4c per spool, or 8 for 25c.

Double width Cashmere wool filling, fast colors, all shades, worth 15c per yard, our price 11c per yard.  
 The best Mixed half hose in Crockett, for 5c per pair.  
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 Our line of Children's Youths' and Men's Clothing is the most complete that we have ever had. Below you will find some Eye-openers in the way of Bargains:  
 Children's Suits, well made and good quality for the price, only 60cts. per Suit in any size from 5 to 14 years.  
 Children's Suits, better quality and better made, 85cts. per Suit, well worth \$1.25, in any size from 5 to 14 years.  
 Children's Suits still better quality, worth \$1.35, our price \$1.00 per suit in all sizes from 5 to 14 years.  
 Youths' Suits from \$2.50 up.  
 Men's Suits in Fall and Winter styles, from \$3.75 to \$10.00 per suit.  
 Men's Suits in Black (sacks and cutaway,) from \$3.50 to \$12.50 per suit.

**Hats! Hats! Hats!**  
 Hats for Men. Hats for Boys. Hats at all prices from 20c up to \$3.00.

**MILLINERY**, Miss Ada Haile in Charge.  
 We are receiving the latest Designs in Millinery nearly every day from the Headquarters of Fashion, and we are prepared to furnish you anything from a simple Sailor to the most beautiful and stylish Hat that can be Created.

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 The latest colors and shades in Dress Patterns, (no two alike,) with trimmings to match, at prices that will knock out all Competition.

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 We carry in stock at all times a complete line of Staple Groceries, which are as low as the lowest and quality is always up to the standard.  
 SPECIAL: 10 lbs. Good Coffee for \$1.00.

We ask you to call and see us, buy or not as you choose, we want to be encouraged by your presence. Make Our Store your meeting place, stopping place, and shopping place.  
 If we haven't got what you want, remember that we know where and how to get it for you. We remain, Yours Very Truly,

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**MONDAY EDITION.**  
 VERY strange times these, some of those who are advocating Reagan for the Senate now, were opposed to him in 1887 because he was too old. There is something bright for you in that.  
 The highest evidence of the strong hold which Attorney General Crane has with the people is that the Joe Sayers' organs are slinging mud at him. When those opposed to a man can find no argument to use or urge against him and resort to the Dennis Kearney habit of flinging dirt, it is evident that they are hard pressed.  
 THEY tell you that John H. Reagan is honest and for that reason he ought to be returned to the Senate. Honest! Well, now, does he deserve any credit for being honest? Not a tittle. He ought to be that anyway. The good Lord created and intended that all men should be honest and whoever possesses this trait of character deserves no credit for it whatever for that is what he ought to be anyhow.

It is very, very amusing to hear people talk of voting for Reagan for forty years and give that as a reason for voting for him for the next forty years. Now, there is argument for you. That is nearly as sound and logical as that of the fellow that says that Reagan was too patriotic, too honest to run on the platform adopted in Dallas. He was indeed! And so was Lanam. Altogether too honest! He was just too honest by about 350 of the Convention votes. That honesty, that "scrupulousity"—(pardon the word of conscience with which his friends say he is sorely afflicted) would have vanished like a marshland wraith before a cyclone if he could only have gotten the necessary votes for the nomination. Ah! Go off, go off and get up something better.

## TRAIN ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT.

### INTERNATIONAL and GREAT NORTHERN "CANNON BALL" HELD UP NEAR AUSTIN.

**Conductor Shot Through the Arm and the Passengers Relieved of Their Money After an Unsuccessful Attempt to Loot the Through Safe.**

Austin, Tex., Oct. 12.—This afternoon at 5 o'clock, in broad daylight and within 12 miles of the corporate limits of this city, the south-bound cannon-ball train on the International and Great Northern Railroad, consisting of mail, baggage and express cars and three coaches loaded with passengers, was held up by four men and robbed. The conductor of the train, Tom Healy, was shot by the robbers while resisting them, but is not seriously wounded. One of the passengers had his shirt collar carried away by a pistol ball that was aimed at his neck, and another received a bullet wound in the hand. The passengers were robbed of some \$200 in money. The bandits attempted to rifle the safe in the express car, but was not successful.

When the train reached McNeill, a small station fourteen miles above this city, two men heavily armed boarded the train and took their stand on the rear platform. After the conductor had checked the train he reached the platform, only to find a pistol at either side of his head. The men demanded that he stop the train. He declined to do so, and began to run through the train

with the two robbers in close pursuit. He had not gone half the length of the first car when the foremost robber shot at him, bringing him to the floor with a pistol wound in his right arm.

At this juncture the other robbers pulled the bell cord and the train was brought to a standstill. It was evidently at the appointed place, for the train had hardly stopped before two other men, whose faces were covered with masks, stepped out from the trees and began shooting into the cars. Instantly all was confusion. The two men on the train were immediately joined by those from the woods and began their work. As the train porter sprang from the rear coach and ran for shelter a robber began shooting at him, and the negro emptied a revolver in turn, without effect. The express messenger looked out of his car, and, taking in the situation, left his car and ran through the woods and was soon lost to sight.

The robbers, in the meantime, leaving two men to guard the three coaches which was packed with passengers, proceeded to the express car and demanded that the baggageman open the through safe, but on being assured that he could not do so, turned their attention to the passengers. They took only money from them, not overlooking a single cent, and walking two by two through the cars so as to always keep their eyes on all the passengers. After securing about \$200 in this manner they uncoupled the engine from the train and started off down the track.

**For Sale.**  
 One shingle-saw mill, one saw-mill, cotton gin and press, one yoke large, fat oxen, one Leffel Double Turbine 35 inch wheel.  
 Terms easy. Address me at Augusta.  
 GEO. ZIMMERMAN.

## RECORD-SMASHER in NEW ORLEANS in POINT of MORTALITY FROM THE YELLOW FEVER.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 13.—This was the record-smasher in the number of deaths in a single day from yellow fever since the sickness was first reported in New Orleans. It is difficult to find the cause, except that concealment, neglect and rebellion against the authority of the board of health have made it difficult for the best physicians to give proper attention to cases. At 7 o'clock this evening there had been nine fatalities reported during twenty-two hours. Heretofore the highest number of deaths in any one day has been six.

At the board of health tonight there was some discussion among the gathered physicians as to whether the disease had assumed suddenly a more virulent form or whether an aggregation of circumstances had sent up the list of deaths: Prominent doctors say they do not believe the disease has become more malignant in type. They believe that the fact that on some days we have had four and five deaths, on succeeding days no deaths and then four or five deaths again goes to prove that the fever has been as eccentric before as it is now.

"Many have said their children would have died of croup, if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given," write Kellam & Ourren, druggists, Seaview, Va. "People come from far and near to get it and speak of it in the highest terms. This is equally true of this remedy in every community where it is known. Buy a bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store and test it for yourself."

## ATTORNEY GENERAL CRANE IS IN WASHINGTON TO LOOK AFTER TRUST CASES.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Attorney General Crane arrived today on business for the state in the supreme court. The cases which he is looking after are known as the anti-trust cases from Waco. Parties dealing in oil there were indicted under the Sherman anti-trust law. They sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Justice Swaine who discharged them. From this judgment the state appealed to the supreme court. There is a probability that the cases will come up for argument before that tribunal next week, at least this is the belief of Mr. Crane.

## COTTON CROP ESTIMATE.

New York, Oct. 13.—The Daily Dry Goods Record tomorrow will say:  
 Working on these lines by which such close estimates of the actual cotton crops of the last two years were obtained, the figures just now obtained indicate a crop for 1897-98 which varies from 8,953,788 bales to 9,371,532 bales of 500 pounds each. In the last crop our estimate was 8,722,901 bales against 8,714,011 bales as the actual returns, while the estimate for the previous year of 1895-96 was 7,112,000 bales compared with 7,162,473 bales. The closeness of these estimates to the actual returns has stamped them with the imprint of correctness, and for the current year our estimate is submitted with a degree of confidence that, barring unexpected happenings, the yield for 1897-98 will not exceed the maximum figures of 9,371,532 bales of 500 pounds each.

# IMPORTANT.

For the last past two weeks We made the people prices on a first class line of Cheap Goods, Perfect and New. We had every article that was advertised and freely and willingly gave them to those that called for them and remember that they have not all been sold and that you can still have them at the advertised price as long as they last. The line of Women's Everyday Shoes [New goods] that we sold at 25c, We have sold quite a number of pairs at this price and still have two full cases left. So don't be afraid that you won't get a pair when you call for them.

## THE CHANGE.

Our main object in this AD is to Call Your Attention to all the Newest Novelties and High Class Goods. We pride ourselves very much on this line, for we know and are positive in what we say that we have the very Newest and Up-To-Date Goods in the town.

### Corsets, Corsets,

We have tried for years to get a Corset that would give first class satisfaction and comfort in every respect. We have found that perfection in the American Lady Corset; we sell every one of them with a strict Guarantee, that if not satisfactory in every way to you, then you may return it and get your money. With every two of the Corsets that we sell, we will give one life-size Water Color Portrait that would be an ornament to any home. Ask to see this Picture when in the store.

### Muslin Underwear.

LADIES, why worry yourselves to death cutting, sewing and making this class of goods when you can come to Our Store and buy them already made for less money.

### LADIES and CHILDRENS KNIT UNDERWEAR.

Ladies and Childrens Separate Pants, Ladies and Childrens Undervests, Ladies and Childrens Union Suits. All of the above at very close prices.

### Childrens Knee Suits.

Ladies we call your particular attention to this line of childrens Knee Suits. We have them in Velvet, Kersey and Cassimere, all the very Newest and Best.



WE ARE MILLINERY  
MISSIONARIES.

We find there is a great field for Missionary work among HATS.

Bad example is the bane of the whole MILLINERY business. MISTAKEN MILLINERS SELECT BAD MODELS; they get on the wrong track in the beginning of the Season and they go wrong to the End.

WE ask you to inspect our Models; they are the Pink of New fashion, the perfection of style. they are Economically Priced.



### LADIES FINE SHOES.

Ladies we are now having made at the factory a very swell line of Ladies Shoes. They will all be stamped in W. V. McConnell's name. We do this only in the best class of goods, and Guarantee every pair to be equal to any brand of goods made. So when and wherever you see a pair with W. V. McConnell's name on them, you can rest assured that they are reliable in every respect, for we could not and would not allow this name on an inferior line of goods. Nothing but the very best will bear this name.

### Clothing For Men and Boys.

Gents, when in need of a nice Suit in Black, Gray or Brown, Come to see us and get our prices. We firmly believe we can save you some money.

### HATS, SHIRTS AND SHOES.

When you come to town to get one of these articles don't fail to let us show you what we have in this line.

## IMPORTED DRESS GOODS.

Mrs. Lonella McConnell who has charge of this lovely line of goods, has made a big success in this department and has been quite busy showing supplying the Ladies with some very lovely outfits. We are very anxious for you to Call and See OUR LINE of fine Dress Goods. Positively no two Patterns alike.

WE have all the very latest in Men's Furnishings, and can fix you up with as nice goods as you could get in any city in the United States. OUR nobby line of Mens shep and plaid shirts have magnetised the trade. 12 doz have been sold since Oct. 1st. Why, even the ladies are wearing them.

OUR Men's medium weight all wool undersuits are just the thing for those who are not exposed all the time to out door work.

OUR line of Men's and boys hats are the latest and all new and perfect goods.

OUR line of Mens and boys Shoes have pleased all who have examined them and the result is that we have had to order twice since our return from market.

OUR line of half hose, the boys say they have been paying from 35 to 50c per pair for an article that we are showing for 25c.

OUR line of 5, 10 and 15c socks have no equal for the money.

OUR big value in Ladies 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25c hose are attracting the attention of ALL WHO WEAR HOSE, and our special value at 16 1/2 and 25c the ladies say they have been paying 25 and 35c per pair for.

OUR line of dongola springheel, hand-sewed cloth top school Shoes are bringing the Misses from far and near.

OUR aim as ever before and as ever will be to give the people full value for every cent they spend with us.

OUR STORE is full of new and perfect goods, OUR prices are in accordance with the hard times.

OUR invitation is Come, See, be convinced; make your purchases and go on your way rejoicing and spreading the good news THAT BILL McCONNELLS IS THE HOUSE.

RESPT.

W. V. McCONNELL.

The grand-jury has five riding bailiffs.

Some persons report the mast to be blasting.

H. W. Payne, E. E. Barlow, J. C. Tipton, John Parker were in town Tuesday.

A dancing school is in full blast in one of the Mayes buildings on Post Office street.

Mary Allen Seminary which deferred its opening on account of yellow fever has announced that the opening term will begin November 3rd.

Douglas Nelson, a hard working, worthy young man, is lying dangerously ill near Porter Springs. He has been at work on the I. & G. N. R. R. with the bridge construction crew. The trouble seems to be duodenitis.

## CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

When you come to town look for "THE CASH STORE"

It is "loaded down" with CLOTHING and SHOES at Cotton Prices.

BOY'S SUITS from 75c up. MEN'S SUITS, Coat, Vest and Pants from \$2.00 up.

YOUTH'S SHOES from 25c up. LADIES AND MEN'S SHOES from 72c up

I am not selling at COST, but when you price at other Stores you will think they are selling from 25 to 50 cents above Cost.

R. M. ATKINSON.

### Hitch Your Business to a Live Wire...

I can sell you any kind of Drugs, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Fine Perfumes from the leading manufacturers, such as Palmer, Paine & Co. They make exquisite odors. All kinds of Patent Medicines, Oils etc.

### Prescriptions Carefully and Accurately Compounded at all Hours

A full line of School Books just received. The season for ice tea is here. Try me for an extra quality. Tea - I can sell you an extra fine quality.

### B. F. CHAMBERLAIN, Druggist to Please.

H. Schuder is door-bailiff for the grand-jury.

Gus LeGory has had a prostrating attack of dengue fever.

Ike Daniel pronounces the name of the government yellow fever expert (Dr. Guiteras) Doctor "Githere."

Mr. J. N. Sutton of the firm of Mistrot Bros & Co. has been confined to his room for a week or more from illness.

Go out next Wednesday night and hear the Aerial Ladies Sextette at the Opera House and encourage Tucker Baker to give the town some good attractions this winter.

The drouth prevailing here has extended for several months over the states of Tennessee, Ky. Inda, Illinois, Mo., Kansas and Ark. Stock water has been very scarce in all these states.

W. D. Pritchard's article on the war record and personal experiences of the company from this county are read with universal interest by subscribers of the Courier and many who are not subscribers. They will run for many months yet and those who would like to read them and who do not now get them should come forward and subscribe.

Another I & G. N. special with representatives of the business men, county and city officials and physicians went down to Houston Saturday for the purpose of further consultation with the physicians and officials of that city on the propriety of raising all quarantine against Galveston and Houston. Dr. J. L. Hall and Dr. J. S. Wooters joined the party at Crockett.

The case of Frank Jones (col) versus Mode Barbee, a case of trespass to try title, involving some eight or ten acres of land, estimated to be worth about forty dollars, consumed nearly the entire past week. It went to the jury Friday and they returned a verdict for Jones. The case was contested with all the stubbornness and care of one involving title to several thousand acres of land.

The grand jury after two weeks of close, unremitting work adjourned on Saturday of last week for a week's interval. They will reconvene on Monday Oct. 25th. They have done a great deal of work and returned a large number of bills, mostly felonies. The total number returned is 66 of which 44 are for felony and 22 for misdemeanor.

Mr. Sutton, in charge of the business of Mistrot Bros and Company, after quite a tussle with the dengue is out again.

## Notice to Tax Payers. Taxes Must be Paid by January 1st.

In view of the fact that the procedure for seizure and sale of landed property for taxes has been entirely changed by the provisions of chapter 42, laws of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, you are respectfully advised as follows:

The collection of taxes by levy and sale, by tax collectors, of personal property, for all delinquent taxes due by the owner thereof, is provided for by the following law:

See article 4746, act of 1887, page 128 and brought forward in the Revised Statutes of 1895, as article 5173, the first clause of which reads as follows:

"If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law, until the first day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment roll of the county to the controller, the collector of taxes shall by virtue of his tax roll seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together, with all costs accruing thereon."

I am now ready to receive and receipt for taxes due for 1897. Bear in mind that it takes some little time to write a tax receipt. But I can write all to be written if distributed during October, November and December, but I cannot write them if you put it off until time to close my books. For the accommodation and convenience of the tax payers throughout the county, I will meet them to receive taxes at the following times and places:

Coltharp, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26th, and 27th.  
Weches, Tuesday November 2nd.  
Augusta, Wednesday November 3rd.  
Percilla, Thursday November 4th.  
Grapeland, Friday and Saturday November 5th, and 6th.  
Lovely, Tuesday and Wednesday November 9th, and 10th.

J. R. Sheridan,

Tax Collector Houston County.

Crockett, Texas, October 9, 1897.

Mr. Sutton, in charge of the business of Mistrot Bros and Company, after quite a tussle with the dengue is out again.

A communication from a prominent Crockett attorney is crowded out this week.

Rundes' Studio for fine Photos.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

JUDGE REAGAN AND HIS CRITICS.

A week or so since the COURIER indulged in the rash project of criticising some of Judge Reagan's official conduct and undertook to unmask his record on the Railroad Commission in reference to the Galveston Wharf Company the several express companies etc. A day or two after this rash act of ours, John H. Reagan called in all the newspaper reporters at Austin and in an interview with himself proceeded to hold us and others guilty along with us up to the scorn and reprobation of all Texas as falsifiers of the record etc. Those who read his furious blast with a critical understanding can but have observed that the entire interview is an artful, systematic dodging of the main issues in controversy. To begin with, he insinuates that the COURIER writer and others who have dared to investigate his record have been supplied with information or inspiration from some one at Austin on the commission or close to it. To this, speaking for ourselves, we wish to say, that whatever of criticism of his course as a R. R. Commissioner that may have at anytime appeared in the COURIER has never been prompted in whole or any part, directly or indirectly by anyone at Austin or elsewhere.

Judge Reagan may not know it but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the writer has been an earnest and faithful friend and a defender of the commission from the time the proposition to create such an agency was introduced in the Texas legislature; he voted for such a measure long before it became a part of the organic law of the state; he was a persistent and consistent advocate of such a system of control of railroads sometime before Judge Reagan permitted Governor Hogg to persuade him to lay aside his senatorial toga to wrestle with problems of transportation; he voted for and helped to shape the present law under which Judge Reagan is acting to-day; he watched the inauguration of this innovation in our system, confident in its potency to accomplish all claimed for it; he has followed closely, as one deeply interested from having helped to make it as well as one who hoped to feel its benefits, the acts and conduct of every one who has filled this important trust; he has kept himself thoroughly posted respecting the votes and the record of every commissioner on every great question that has come before this body; and thus has it been that the writer was in a position to know without going to anyone on or close to the commission just how Judge Reagan and every other member of this body has voted and has stood on every material matter arising for that body's adjudication. Then why the ungenerous insinuation, that there is someone in Austin close to the commission who has been furtively furnishing the outside world the sacred secrets of this extraordinary agency? The records of the commission in the main are public property as we understand it and visits to the back-doors of this body, are not necessary to learn what one desires to know. And right here and on this very point Judge Reagan convicts himself of the charges in part at least.

In making these insinuations the Judge admits that there are parts of his record that will not stand scrutiny and investigation, that contravenes the professions and protestations of a life-time as a great tribune of the people and the champion of their rights.

If not, then why does the Judge object to their being known or even being made public by one of his colleagues.

Now with the reference to the Wharf Company the proposition to control same by commission rules and Judge Reagan's position in reference thereto. We are not advised as to what language the other papers used which Judge Reagan grouped with the Courier in his sweeping and all consuming manifesto, but the language of the Courier, while possibly capable of the construction which Judge Reagan gives it, had reference exclusively to the proposition to control by commission regulations the charges which the Wharf Company imposes on railroad Companies for the use of its railroad terminal facilities.

These were the charges, it was proposed to control and it was in reference to this question and the judge's record thereon that the Courier assumed to criticise him. In replying to this as to other points of the arraignment Judge Reagan shuffles and dodges with a craftiness that would do great credit to an attorney pleading for a client. He delivers himself of an unspeakable and voluminous lot of matter foreign to the real points raised in the judge's record touching the several questions at issue. The main point, the leading question at issue or in controversy in the Wharf Company proposition is: did the Commission have clear, unequivocal power to regulate the charges of the Wharf Company in the matters suggested? Two of the commissioners while in some doubt resolved that doubt in favor of the people. The other, Judge Reagan, in doubt as to the authority of the commission to bring this corporation under commission control resolved his doubt in favor of the Wharf Company. The reading of Judge Reagan's opinion in the Wharf Company matter discloses the fact that he had doubts and a reading of the record discloses the further fact that he was willing to give, not the people, as any tribune of the people would have done, the benefits of those doubts, but he gave the benefit of these doubts to the Galveston Wharf Co. Now every one knows that a corporation, of whatever character, is ever ready to go into the courts and seek redress, if its rights or franchises have been abused or abridged in any way. And knowing this readiness on their part Judge Reagan in a resolution of these doubts should have given the people the benefit of such, knowing that the Wharf Company, like all other corporations, was amply able to take care of itself in the courts.

The record of the other commissioners presents an agreeable contrast to that of Judge Reagan in this as in the other matters under review and but for their firm stand on the side of the people the Galveston Wharf Company as, also the Express Companies of the state would be as free from legal restraint in their unconscionable, heartless exactions as an airship line from St. Louis to Galveston would be.

The Judge's record with reference to the Express Companies is less defensible than that touching the Wharf Company. We shall take up that in our next issue.

Senorita Cisneros over whom so much ado was had a short time since by the press, the pulpit and the women of this country was rescued from a Havana dungeon by two agents of a N. Y. paper. She escaped from Havana dressed as a boy.

Charles A. Dana, the greatest editor in this country, is dead.

MAIN GUTM'S COLUMN.

STILL ANOTHER CAR LOAD. . . . OUR LARGE STOCK which we had laid in for the Fall trade DID NOT HOLD OUT and we have bought a second time.

The Cause of OUR Business increasing so rapidly is very easily explained.

We could not afford to sell anything but FIRST CLASS GOODS as WE are here to stay and have already established a reputation for selling HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES.

The People now recognize the fact that we sell the BEST GRADES OF FURNITURE at LOWER PRICES than they can buy Shoddy Stuff at other places.

We are expecting a Car Load of Furniture in about ten days which is of the Latest Styles and the best workmanship in the market.

Call and look at Our Goods whether you want to buy or not.

Thanking you for your past liberal patronage, we are Very Truly Yours, ASDRS K & NEWSON, Furniture and Undertakers Supplies.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

27 LEADING AMERICAN AND 27 FOREIGN COMPANIES.

The wet season is over and we are sure to have our share of fires.

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