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War Reminiscences.

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

When we evacuated Quantico we went to Brook's station, the then terminal of the Fredericksburg and Aquire creek railroad, and took cars for Fredericksburg, where we remained sometime, drilling and waiting for the concentration of our forces, preparatory to the advance on Yorktown. It will be remembered that Gen. McGruder was holding the Peninsular at Yorktown and had fought the first battle of the war at the Bethel church; and it seemed that the enemy, after their defeat at Manassas, had determined to make the advance on Richmond by way of the peninsular. In this move they could be supported by their navy in the James and York rivers. It also seemed our people concluded to meet him at Yorktown and if possible give him another evidence of southern valor. But as might have been expected they moved up the James on the right and the York river on the left, which forced us to fall back. But I am too fast. We have not gotten to Yorktown yet. As stated before we remained at Fredericksburg until our forces were well assembled and started for our first long march. I do not remember the distance, but it was quite a long way, as we thought, this being our first march of any distance. The officers were solicitous about their men and watched every day's march to note the effect upon the men. I believe it was the second day's march we came to one of those broad, shallow rivers, common in that part of Virginia. Our route led directly across this stream. The morning was rather cold and seeing no bridge the boys hesitated. Gen. Hood, then colonel of the 4th Texas, set the men a noble example by jumping from his horse, and giving it to a sickly looking fellow, plunged into the cold waters and called to the men to follow him. The effect of that was most electrical. With a yell that only "Rebs" can give, they rushed into the waters and not only followed, but escorted their brave commander to the other side. This act and many others of like character tells why Hood's men loved him. I do not remember how long we were on this march. My most vivid remembrance of this trip was the marked difference in the appearance of the country from what we had seen. We seemed to be going through rather a level country with few hills or streams. It had the appearance of having been settled a long time, and was in a fine state of cultivation. In fact, the absence of timbered bodies of land gave it almost the appearance of a prairie. I was particularly struck with the fencing in that region. It seemed that at sometime in the by gone years the prudent farmers had seen the coming necessity and appealed to generous nature to aid them.

They planted cedar trees on each side of the road, from which to draw in an emergency. They dug a ditch through the dirt on the inside, making an embankment. Upon this embankment drove the larger limbs, cut from the trees at a distance of about two feet and matted the smaller limbs on and around the stakes in so skilled a manner that it formed a good substantial and rabbit proof fence. There were many more evidences of the early settlement of this portion of the old state—the deep cut roads, the old buildings,—and when we reached Williamsburg, we saw many things that bore the impress of many years. I remember among the most notable buildings the William and Mary college, built before the revolution, and the house in which it was said that grand old patriot, Patrick Henry, made that immortal speech in which he said: "I know not what others wish; I know not what others want; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." Inspired by the very hover over this hallowed spot, many true and brave hearts then and there, like that son of freedom, offered their lives afresh upon their country's altar. We reached old historic Yorktown and pitched camps about two miles from the city proper, and here again we were face to face with the heroes of '76. Our camp guard lines were upon fortifications of the Americans during the successful siege of Yorktown. As we patrolled our lonely beat, treading under foot the almost sacred soil that protected our ancestors, we breathed the pure air of freedom and caught from the hovering shadows of departed heroes that spirit of liberty, that love of country, that devotion to her cause, that actuated our forefathers and alone can guarantee perfect liberty. Between our camp and the river was the spot where Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Washington. The place had been marked by a granite shaft, surrounded by a cedar fence, but curiosity seekers had mutilated the stone, and our men, eager for some souvenir to send home, soon completed the destruction, and long before we left, every vestige of even the fence was gone, and only a heap of stones remained to mark the place of freedom's glorious triumph.

FROM RATULIFF.

ED. COURIER:—Frost has come and killed the top crop of cotton and if that is what has been holding the price down it certainly will take a rise. What has become of the COURIER correspondents that they have quit writing to the COURIER? This should not be. We love to read them. Some of them are real interesting and instructive. Let's write often. Our town is on a little boom, despite the cry of hard times. Mr. S. C. Ratcliff has added two rooms to his already large and commodi-

ous dwelling. Mr. Jess Ratcliff is going to make an addition to his house.

There is a move on foot to erect a large school building in our town and run a school nine months in the year. We like the movement and hope it will meet the approval of our people and the work will be done.

Mrs. Katie Wood of Groveton visited her sister, Mrs. Dora Ratcliff, last week.

Mr. T. C. Dickinson, who came to Texas some months ago, will return to his home in Tennessee, fix up his business there and come back to Houston county and make his future home. Doubtless others will come with him.

Some of our people are talking of planting tobacco next year, but do not know what variety of seed will do best in this climate. We would like to have some advice and instructions on this line.

Syrup making has begun and every body is getting sweet, especially those girls and boys who visit John Collins cane patch so often.

Opossums are getting ripe and quite a lot of hunting is being done, and I would say to those who go hunting expecting to find game in a sugar cane patch had better be cautious. They might find a double barrel shot gun.

Mr. T. F. Hallmark has a very sick child.

Quite a number of hogs were slaughtered last week.

A. H. Vernon, the shop man who was thrown from a wagon some time ago and was thought to be badly hurt, we are glad to say is up again.

The concert at Drennan's school house, under the management of Prof. A. L. Reed of Rusk, was a profound success.

Our hearts being of a responsive nature, there are many things in the COURIER that we can't help saying amen aloud to.

OLD BILL.

From Lovelady.

ED. COURIER:

The annual game hunt of Lovelady will be had on Thanksgiving day. The hunt is to begin at 6 o'clock p. m. Wednesday and game to be received and counted until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday. You, Mr. Editor, and all the lovers of the dog and gun in Crockett are cordially invited to be with us on that occasion and participate in the sport and take part in the supper. Ample accommodations and transportation will be furnished visiting hunters free of charge. There is no such word as fail in the vocabulary used by the Lovelady hunting club, for when we set a day for a hunt we lose sight of all business cares and join hands for a day's work. We are hopeful for good weather and a big crowd of hunters. A word to the young ladies of Crockett: We are your nearest neighbors; the roads are good and the distance short; so please intimate to your fellow that you would like to attend the Lovelady game supper, where the

king's dishes will be served in style.

LOVELADY.

[The above communication was received for publication last week, but was unavoidably crowded out.—Publisher.]

Saturday Night's Fire.

The town was thrown into a state of great excitement on Saturday night about eight o'clock, by the alarm of fire. Firearms were discharged promiscuously, resulting in a perfect fusillade. Guided by the leaping flames an immense crowd turned out and discovered Mr. J. E. Downes' large barn on fire. It was totally destroyed together with its contents, except the horses which were taken out just in time. The origin of the fire is a mystery; no possible reason can be assigned for it. A negro had only a few minutes before delivered in the barn a wagon load of corn, and at that time there was no sign of fire.

Col. D. A. Nunn, who had been down with dengue several days, was taken suddenly Saturday night with an attack of congestion and for a while it was thought that it would prove fatal. We are glad to announce that he is very much better and out of danger.

That famous Southerner Maj. Chas. H. Smith, better known as Bill Arp will lecture at the opera house on the evening of December 18th. General admission 50 cents. Don't fail to hear him or you may deeply regret it.

Miss Dennie Adams, daughter of Hon. Earl Adams, celebrated her fifteenth birthday on Friday evening last. She had quite a number of her intimate friends as her guests for the night and a splendid time is reported.

H. F. Craddock has begun the erection of a large and handsome two story residence in West Crockett on the site of the old John F. Arledge residence.

Mrs. A. E. Webb has returned from Sherman where she attended the grand lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

County Institute.

The second of the series of county teachers' institutes will be held at Crockett on Friday and Saturday, December 17th and 18th. Arrangements will be made to entertain all the teachers who attend. With reference to having a joint institute composed of both city and county teachers, State Superintendent Carlisle has written Judge Winfree as follows:

"I will be pleased if the city teachers of Crockett would join with the county teachers of your county and have a successful institute composed of all the teachers. This course is being pursued by several cities of this State."

We are not informed what course will be pursued in the present instance but hope that all the teachers will take interest in this matter and make the institute a success.

To The Public.

It is my purpose to request space in the COURIER next week for a reply to the Enterprise article. The article came out too late to admit of a reply this week. Believing that I can satisfy the people that both myself and the entire commissioners court have pursued the proper course, consulting only the best interests of the people, I am respectfully,

E. WINFREE.

Nov. 24, 1897.

Attention, Road Overseers!

On this day, November 15, 1897, it is ordered by the commissioners' court that the road overseers of the different roads in the county be required to have their roads in good condition by December 25, 1897, or work the time required by law, or else the commissioners will be required to report them to the grand jury in accordance with the law governing such cases.

Published by order of commissioners' court.

Stray Notice!

Taken up by W. M. Johnson, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Prec. No. 1, Houston County, Texas, the following described animal: One brown mare 3 years old, small star in face, branded (brand resembling a T with bar under it,) about 13 hands high.

Appraised at five dollars. Filed for record Nov. 20th, 1897. Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of Nov., A. D. 1897.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Co. Cl'k, Houston Co., Texas.

Stray Notice!

Taken up by Jerry Williams and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard J. P. Prec. No. 1, Houston Co. Texas, the following described animal: One brown black mare, 7 years old, 16 hands high, branded (brand resembling an IP with bar across bottom and top of letters,) on right thigh, (resembling JL connected) on right shoulder, barb wire cut on left fore knee. Appraised at \$10. Filed for record Nov. 18th, 1897 Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of Nov. A. D. 1897.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
County Clerk,
Houston County, Tex.

Strayed or Stolen.

About the 6th, of November one black horse six years old past, about 15½ hands high, one white hind foot, left fore foot cut on wire, small white spot in forehead, and branded L E N, with bar above, on left thigh. Will give a liberal reward for information of the whereabouts of above described horse. Address C. E. Collins, Hardin Store, Texas, or J. L. Atkinson, sheriff of Leon county, Centerville, Texas.

A union thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist church on Thursday morning.

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COTTON CONVENTION.

Will Be Held in Atlanta December, 13.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 17.—A special to the Times from Columbia, S. C., says that preparations are being made for the holding of the convention of the cotton growers of the Southern States in Atlanta, December, 13.

The convention has been called by those in charge of the recent convention held in this city in consequence of the action taken at that time. The convention was called for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization to control the production and sale of cotton in the South and to fight the trusts that seek to lower the price of cotton.

COMPLAINT OF COTTON BALING.

The New Englanders Are Demanding Some Decided Changes.

Boston, November 17.—The Arkwright club, the membership of which is almost entirely composed of treasurers and managers of New England cotton mills, held a largely attended meeting tonight. The topic discussed was the baling of cotton and the following was adopted:

"Cotton manufacturers have for a long time suffered in their business by reason of the poor condition in which cotton has been delivered to them. It is poorly ginned, poorly handled, poorly baled, overlooked and subject to robbery from the time it leaves the planter's hands until it reaches the mill. Nearly all of these evils are encouraged and fostered by the practice of dealing in cotton at gross rates. The advent into the market of cotton put up in new forms of bales in proper condition gives an opportunity to remove these evils and their causes. The old form of bales can be made entirely satisfactory if put up in like manner to the Egyptian. "As a large amount of cotton this season will be put up in the new bales the time has arrived when users are in a position to take a decided stand on the question of baling and weighing. "We therefore insist upon better baling and handling of cotton and upon a system of baling at net rate, and we pledge ourselves to give the strongest possible preference to cotton so baled, handled and sold."

It was stated in the course of the discussion that at least two new forms of cylindrical bales have been invented and are actively promoted, as well as one new form of the square bale, and that the vastly superior manner in which the foreign cotton reaches the mills has made manufacturers much more dissatisfied with the slovenly manner in which American cotton is put up. The members showed a firm resolution to insist on better methods of preparation. Their idea is not so much to favor the adoption of any particular form of bale, or even abandonment of the old, but to secure such improved methods of baling as will assure them that they will receive at the mills the cotton which they buy.

WHITECAP THREATS.

Georgetown, Tex., Nov. 17.—The whitecaps continue their attempts to intimidate the landlords and tenantry of Williamson county who have made contracts for money rent for farms. A few mornings ago the tenants of the farm owned by Mr. G. W. Atkinson found tacked on the gate a picture rudely drawn representing a man hanging with a rope around his neck, while below was a coffin. The picture was significant in itself, but it was accompanied by a note, stating that such might be the fate of the tenant, as well as the landlord, unless the money rent contract known to have been made should be cancelled within a very short time. Mr. Atkinson says it was his tenant's own proposition to pay money rent and the sum agreed upon, \$300 per acre, was small, considering the productive qualities of his land. The farm contains about 200 acres and is near Florence.

Another landlord, one of the wealthiest men in the county, told the Galveston News correspondent that he had received no less than twenty whitecap letters in the last few weeks, all with the same intent—to make him cancel all money rent contracts. His tenants, about thirty families, are becoming intimidated on account of the frequent threats of the whitecaps. This gentleman wishes his name withheld. The officers are looking into the whitecap matter. It is thought the decided stand against such lawlessness taken by the farmers at the cotton growers' union at this place on Saturday will have a quieting effect as soon as it becomes generally known all over the county.

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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 Fast Prairie. Small improvement on this place.

58 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.

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

348 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 Aldrich 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-east from Crockett. 207 acres, Wm. Cruz, 16 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.

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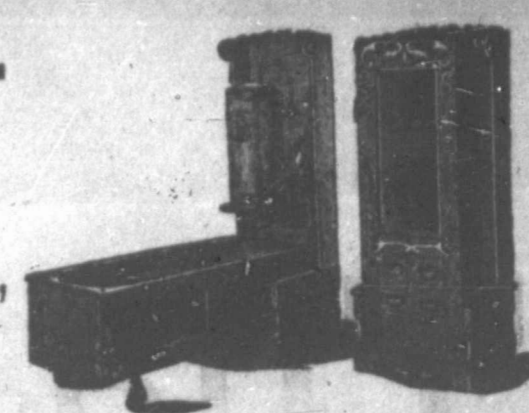
110 acres, Wm Johnson Hr., 18 miles east from Crockett. Good farming land.

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Examine carefully and buy where you can save money. We are not going out of business, nor are we selling our goods at cost. We are in the field for trade and we know there is only one way to get it. If we cannot save you money, we do not expect your support. We know we can save you money and start you on the royal road to success. The quality of our goods gives security to the purchaser and the price we ask him aids him on the road to prosperity. We are "in-it" to the finish. Our "tomahawk" cuts keen, stoops and conquers.

The Moral Law Is: Competition aren't "in it" when it comes to the list of bargains we are offering this week. Don't let slip the best opportunity you ever had of getting a full supply of winter novelties.

Come rolling in and take advantage of the big sale of Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery Clothing, Shoes Groceries and Trunks. We are bound to make things average up right. There is one thing sure as shouting, we are not going to let trifles stand in the way. We are determined to get your trade and give you great value for your money. Come and see us. Make our store headquarters. We remain as ever,

SHIVERS BROS.

The young merchants who will treat you right.

Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Hats, Shoes, Furniture, Coffins, Etc.

John Claiborne's Wail.
From the Houston Post.
Austin, Texas, Nov. 15.—A recent issue of the Manufacturers' Record contains a communication by John M. Claiborne of Rusk, in which the following passage occurs:

"The passage of the law-making branch of the State of what is known as the 'alien land law' was the apex of the trouble. There were in Texas at the time many millions of foreign money invested in great herds of cattle, in mills and manufactories, in railways, in banking and indeed directly and indirectly in every avenue of endeavor. In my own town there were \$750,000. This great sum was lent to the people at from 2 per cent on call to 4 per cent on one to five years' time, with privilege of renewal."

Early in the year 1890 Claiborne moved to Rusk, having traded some Galveston property for a residence in that town and an addition to New Birmingham, and although, according to his statement, foreign money could be had there at that time almost for the asking, he found it necessary to engage in the precarious occupation of editing a country newspaper to make a living. The truth of the matter is that there was no such an amount of foreign capital in Rusk awaiting borrowers as the general represents, and that as a matter of fact the people of that community were borrowing very little if any money from abroad.

Further along in the communication referred to Claiborne delivers himself of the following:

"It is true that the law, being unconstitutional, was quashed by the next legislature, but the patient is not yet restored. After the doctoring of the bill was had, an iron plant, with nearly \$1,000,000 invested, desired to bond the

plant, and a large body of ore land (the finest on earth) in order to continue improvements and perfect its manufactories. An agent was sent to the American money center. No home capital was idle, and agents of foreign capital were induced to give a bearing. After a laborious argument of three hours a day for five days, showing that the fangs of the alien land law had been extracted, one of the syndicate merely asked: Has any of the legislators who enacted the 'alien land law' sons? 'Oh, yes, certainly,' was replied. 'Well, sir,' said he, 'hereditary dampful runs in their families, and they may break into your legislature at any time, and we have no money for your State at any price, nor security on lands or personal property in Texas.' Thus was caused, in one single instance, the laying idle of an investment of \$750,000 from that date to this, with such other great evils as it detailed upon the hundreds of other industries and persons dependent upon such enterprise."

Every attempt to improve the iron plant referred to ceased in 1889, several years before the alien land law was thought of. Probably \$500,000 was spent on it in one way or another prior to that date, but certain it is that during that year it practically went to pieces, many people holding its due bills; which were hawked on the market at a discount. If any such attempt as the general describes was subsequently made to obtain foreign capital to put it on its feet, it need not be wondered at that it resulted in failure, not because of the existence or the progeny of those who voted for the alien land law, but because of the shrewdness of the foreign capitalists appealed to, who were too cute to be bamboozled into sinking any of their good money in a "dry hole."

As to the iron enterprise inaugurated at Rusk by certain New Orleans parties and which also went by the board, the alien land law nor any other law had any more to do with their collapse than they did with the New Birmingham fiasco. Lack of proper transportation facilities was the cause of the trouble in both instances, and to attribute it to anything else is equivalent to confessing to a deficiency of information or an abnormal faculty for misrepresentation.

Continuing, General Claiborne gets off the following:

"The laws of collection cost this State from 5 to 10 per cent annually. Go into the great commercial emporiums of the East or West and ask if they are seeking Southern trade. 'No, sir; no sir.' 'Why?' 'Because we have no remedy on your statutes against thieves. We have all the losses we want when we sell to a man who runs the goods into Texas, where the laws protect him in theft.' Again, go into the house that is seeking trade in Texas, and there are twenty-five or thirty lines of samples laid out for the traveling salesmen. See the prices of California and compare them with the line laid out for Texas, and Texas is marked 10 to 15 per cent higher than those for California. There is a cause. It simply says 'It costs 15 per cent more to get their money in Texas than it does in California.'"

Less than ten weeks ago New York's jobbers were paying the fare of Texas merchants both ways to get to the metropolis to sell their goods and traded with them to the extent of over \$100,000,000. And the St. Louis jobbers to head off their Eastern competitors and hold their trade followed their example in the matter of furnishing their Texas customers with free transportation and went the New

Yorker's one better by supplying the Texans who came to their town to do business with them with complimentary theater tickets and banqueting them. Does this look as if Texas trade is not wanted abroad? Goods are sold from 10 to 15 cents higher to Texans than to Californians, asserts Claiborne. Now that's all stuff—villainous stuff—and he knows it. Merchandise is bought and sold by Texas merchants as cheaply as by the merchants of any other state, although it may be necessary to the success of certain renegade politicians to have a different impression prevail.

When General Claiborne about a year ago stood up before the republican convention in Fort Worth, and after the example of that other distinguished patriot, Russell Kingsberry, adjured the political faith of his fathers and clasped hands with Cuney, the Fergusons, Rayner, Bill McDonald, Easton, John Clements, Doc Davis, Dick Allen, John Cain, Web Wilson and others and promised to help them give Texas a "pure progressive administration," and afterwards accepted a congressional nomination from those of their kind, he evidently became possessed of the spirit of recklessness which takes hold of the average political adventurer. Or it may be that he feels that the publication of such letters as the one he sent the Manufacturer's Record in this instance will increase his chances for the \$75 per month job McKinley is understood to have promised him as a reward for his eminent services in the campaign. L. A. P.

A DIRECTORY FAKE.

A directory fakir struck this city Thursday afternoon for the purpose of getting up a business directory of the city, so he said. He called at this office and wanted to

get the assistance and influence of this paper, and also wanted us to send the directory out for him. As the Plow and Hammer is doing a legitimate newspaper business we politely informed him that we did not care to have anything to do with his scheme. He said he was going to send out 3000 copies on good card board and metal bound, while the fact of the business is only a very few were printed on card board, the balance being printed on the poorest kind of white paper, and will possibly never be noticed by anyone. Those who gave them their support got from 3 to 6 copies each of the metal bound ones, when they were really promised as many as they wanted.

The Plow and Hammer knows this man of old, and is "dead on to" his scheme. His object is to get some newspaper in town to assist him, thereby securing the paper's influence, which better enables him to "work" the people, but he missed connection in this respect in Whitewright. The Plow and Hammer does not propose to be a party to any scheme of this kind, and a paper that will assist such fraudulent schemes is no better than the schemer. This fakir though, left the impression with his patrons that the directory would be used by the local paper sorter as a supplement, but was such the case?

Legitimate advertising always pays, but this kind does not, never did, and cannot be made to do so. A good old farmer is not likely to bring his family to town and stand them up against a dead wall to read your six-months-old ad., if it should by accident remain there that long. It is the ad. in the newspaper that is read by the good housewife around the cozy fire these long winter evenings that pays.—Plow and Hammer.

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DOWN! DOWN, DOWN! DOWN!

Did you hear it fall? Yes! You have heard it to your sorrow. Cotton continues to decline and it's now time that something else should follow, and we have taken the responsibility on our own shoulders to make you prices this week and its equal has never been known in the town of Crockett.

<p>Listen.</p> <p>Yard wide L L Domestic, 4 yds to the pound at 4c a yd.</p> <p>Good Cotton Flannel long nap 4c yd.</p> <p>Table Oil Cloth, nice Patterns 10 cents a yd.</p> <p>Hamilton Alpaca Worsted, wool filling at 4c a yd.</p> <p>Brocaded Worsted in several colors, wool filling at 8c yd.</p> <p>Dress Gingham, Bright patterns at 3½c a yard.</p> <p>All wool Eiderdown in pink, blue, white and red at 20c a yd.</p> <p>Outing flannel in plaids, just the thing for ladies' dresses and waists at 5c a yd.</p> <p>Solid color outing Flannel, the proper thing for a winter night gown or skirt at 6c a yd.</p> <p>Irish freeze that others are asking 12½ and 15c for, we will let go at 9c a yd.</p> <p>Real Manchester striped Chambray, No. 3, pink, blue and brown at 7c a yd.</p>	<p>Imported Novelty Dress Patterns.</p> <p>Ladies we call your attention again to this department. We know we are correct when we say that we have sold the finest dress patterns this season, and more of them than any other house in the city. Come in and see these lovely Patterns, no two alike. Mrs. Louella McConnell will take great pains in showing you this line with beautiful trimmings to match and will assist you in every way she can to help you select and get you a handsome dress.</p> <p>Ladies' Fine Shoes</p> <p>Ladies listen, this is one chance in a lifetime. We have just purchased, in Ladies' shoes, an extra fine French kid button shoes, hand sewed, pump soles, goods that we have seen sold in this town at \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair, they run in sizes from 1½ to 5½, some of these shoes cost as high as \$2.50 a pair to manufacture; we bought them so we can sell them to you at \$1.98 a pair, and when they are sold out it may be that you will never get them again at this price. Come everybody and see these goods.</p>	<p>Another Hard Hitter.</p> <p>Hamilton Brown's Ladies' \$2.50 stamped, button shoes in sizes 3 and 3½ at \$1.50 a pr.</p> <p>Ladies' Glove grain button shoes, solid goods, sewed and riveted at 75c a pair.</p> <p>Baby button shoes at 15, 20 and 25c a pair.</p> <p>We have thousands of dollars worth of shoes and everybody knows that we sell more shoes and better shoes for less money than any house in the city.</p> <p>Men's Shoes.</p> <p>Men's solid bottom, buckle plow shoes at 90c a pr.</p> <p>Men's Sunday shoes in lace and congress at 75c a pr.</p> <p>We carry all the latest in Men's fine shoes and are continually introducing something new.</p> <p>Men's Genuine Calf shoes, in congress and lace, stamped \$2.50 on bottom and never sold for less until this sale, we will let go at \$1.50 a pair.</p> <p>Men's and youths' coarse boots, good stuff, at \$1.00 a pr.</p>	<p>Gents' Furnishing Goods.</p> <p>We have the very latest in Mens plaid bosom shirts, guaranteed best goods, no trash in these shirts, they sell everywhere at \$1.25, we will make the price 69c each.</p> <p>Men's white laundried shirts 35c.</p> <p>Men's col. laundried Neglige shirts at 25c.</p> <p>Men's new velvet band hats stamped Rothchild Bro. Sole Agents, they are worth \$3.00 but we sell them for \$1.75.</p> <p>Scrivens Patent Elastic Seam Drawers, all sizes, you all know what these goods are worth, we continue the sale at 75c a pr.</p> <p>Men's Roman Stripes Ties and bows, the very latest in neckwear, price 35c now down to 19c each.</p> <p>Men's Guyot Suspenders selling the world over for 25c, our price still goes at 12c a pr.</p> <p>Clothing.</p> <p>Men's Fall suits in navy blue at \$2.50.</p> <p>Men's \$6.00 suits reduced to \$4.50.</p> <p>Men's all wool imported clay worsted suits, French make at</p>	<p>\$7.45</p> <p>Childrens knee suits for 35c, 50c, 75c up to \$3.45.</p> <p>We have an elegant line of suits. Come in, we may suit you and the price won't be much.</p> <p>Capes and Jackets.</p> <p>Ladies jackets from \$1.00 to \$5.</p> <p>Ladies Capes from 75c to \$8.50 each.</p> <p>Millinery.</p> <p>Our trade on Millinery has been greater this season than ever before. Our book shows that we have sold more hats than in any one season before.</p> <p>Ladies' walking hats 15, 35, 50c up to \$1.50.</p> <p>Ladies trimmed felt hats at 25, 50, 75c up to \$12.50 each.</p> <p>Ladies Facinators, 25, 35, and 50c each.</p> <p>Misses Tam O'shantas from 15c to \$1.25.</p> <p>Ladies' Sailors from 20c to \$1.40.</p> <p>Ladies don't forget that we carry the best Corset made for \$1.00. If not as represented we will cheerfully give your money back.</p>
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W. V. McCONNELL.

A Cause Celebre.

The telegraph news tells us that the attorney in the Durrant case at San Francisco have taken another "move" in the direction of delay—after it was popularly supposed that the ingenuity of man and the technicalities of the code of criminal procedure had been exhausted in the prolonged effort to save the prisoner's neck.

Motions have followed motions in this potted prosecution. New trials, stays of proceedings, writs without number, resorts to Federal courts, respriees, continuances, every defense known to the criminal practice, the whole gamut of quillies and quibbles of the law, have characterized the proceedings in this case, and the criminal still lives—two years after his arrest and the convincing and legal proof of his crime! There is a possibility even yet that death or sharp practice may defeat justice.

Whatever may be the final outcome; whether organized society may succeed or not in meting out to the prisoner a punishment to fit his crime, and in so doing confront evil doers with an example of the just wrath of outraged law and the ultimate unprofitableness of crime, the long struggle in the courts by the attorneys of Durrant should cause good people everywhere to pause and reflect. How weak must be the codes that enable justice to be so persistently and so successfully thwarted for such an extended period after the discovery of the crime and apprehension of the criminal! It is a humiliating fact, and it is a fact dangerous to American society, that nowhere else in the world, neither among civilized nations, nor uncivilized tribes, is it possible for criminals to go so long unwhipped of justice as in these United States.

It is not alone in California that illustrations of this fact are forthcoming, but in every State in the Union—in New York as well as in Texas; in the North as in the South; in the East as in the West. The weakness of our criminal codes has been repeatedly commented upon by the people and has been constantly pointed out by the ever-watchful press. It has led up to lynch law and fostered a contempt for the courts in the breast of the outcasts of society, and yet legislators have allowed the statutes to remain unamended and the bench has continued to respect the technicalities behind which the criminals take safe refuge. How long will such disgraceful conditions exist? When will the outraged public insist upon the cold, prompt, impartial administration of justice and the speedy punishment of crime in order to lessen crime? Until legislators receive specific instructions and judges and juries are held to strict account by their constituencies and neighbors, there will be no improvement. It is a reform that must start in civil districts and county primaries and good citizens can profitably remember this fact.—Houston Post.

TRIMMING PEACH TREES.

In performing this task three objects are sought—to shape the tree properly, to open up all parts of it, to admit sunlight and a free circulation of air, and to keep the fruit spurs close to the body of the tree. As a matter of taste the trees of an orchard should present a uniform appearance; but this is not all, for the perpetuity of a tree requires that it be symmetrical in form, allowing an even distribution of fruit throughout, so preventing the overloading of some portions, which would result in the

breaking down of branches. After a season's growth, an orchard shows the direction of the prevailing wind. Here it is southwest. On this side of the trees limbs are short, with an upward direction, while to the leeward they shoot far out to a much greater length, so that to prevent a balance the principal part of the cutting away is done on the northeast side. Crotches caused by branches growing opposite should be avoided, as they are liable to split apart. All low limbs tending downward and all branches that cross or rub or crowd are cut off.

Fruit cannot grow without light and air. It is the sun that gives color and develops flavor. On young trees whose pruning is neglected it will be noticed that most of the peaches remaining to mature will be crowded in a small compass low down near the trunk, and that the branches, though an abundance of fruit may have set thereon, will very soon have shed it all. The shade made by the dense growth of foliage and the impeded circulation of air induce blight.—Rural World.

A BIG HOLIDAY PAGEANT.

The Great Forepaugh-Sells Brothers Combined Parade Displays.

It is safe to wager anything from a rhinoceros to a woodchuck that the highways and byways of Crockett on Tuesday Nov. 30 will overflow with the crowds gathered from far and near, to see the united morning street parades of the Great Forepaugh and Sells Brothers America's Greatest Shows consolidated. The fact that either show has heretofore produced a public pageant of superb size and quality is generally known and appreciated, and now that the two are combined, with the addition of

many rich and novel displays, every household will want to be on hand and secure a front seat. The most superb band chariots ever built, the three greatest herds of biggest elephants; Cleopatra's sumptuous barge of state, which is an Egyptian revelation; a hundred or more prismatic chariot cages, Mother Goose, golden tableaux, and Fairyland cars, a great menagerie of rare wild beasts in colossal open and preforming dens, hundreds of noblest and most elegantly caparisoned horses and ponies, cohorts and battalions of principal performers and participants in radiant armor and resplendent dress; an Asiatic caravan of giant camels and dromedaries, and accessories of the most lavish kind, are among the sensational features, more than sufficient to furnish an eye feast for the millions. And low excursion rates will give everyone a cheap and convenient opportunity to take it all in.

Rich Gold Fields Near Uvalde.

Uvalde, Texas, November 18.—Considerable excitement exists here on account of the reported discovery of gold in this county about fifteen miles northeast of this city on what is called Indian creek. Many stories are afloat and many preposterous tales are being circulated, but there is no question but what paying dirt has been struck. The discovery was made by Joe Clark, who has been prospecting in the mountains north of town for the past year. Several other parties claim to have found gold in paying quantities, and if the truth has been told in regard to some of the assays made, Uvalde has the richest gold fields in the world today, Klondike not excepted. Several claims have been filled and others are being staked off.

To The Public.

All parties who have papers deposited in this office for record are requested to call and get same. I am moved to make this request by the fact that fire-proof vault space is limited and valuable papers might be misplaced or destroyed for this reason.

An additional reason for the request is that on December the first the new fee-bill enacted by the last legislature goes into effect and all papers filed for record on and after that date will be recorded and charged for according to the fees of the new bill. The provisions of the said new fee-bill also make it imperative that all fees for record-work shall be paid in cash.

N. E. ALBRIGHT,
County Clerk, Houston Co.

It often happens that the doctor is out of town when most needed. The two year old daughter of J. Y. Schenck, of Caddo Ind. Ter, was threatened with Croup, he writes. "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor at once; but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which relieved the child immediately." A bottle of that remedy in the house will often save the expense of a doctor's bill, besides the anxiety always occasioned by serious sickness. When it is given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. Thousands of mothers always keep it in their homes. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

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THE BANNER COUNTY OF EAST TEXAS IS HOUSTON

Head 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 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 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 6 1/4 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 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 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. Pine lumber can be had at 6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhausted 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 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 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 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 warehouse-

men. 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 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 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.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county, or the I. & G. N. railroad, and has a population of about 3000. The population has more than doubled in the last five years. The town site is high and healthy, with perfect drainage. First-class business houses, schools, churches, newspapers, etc. An oil mill in operation and many new enterprises in hand.

Lovelady, twelve miles south, and Grapeland, twelve miles north, are towns of 500 inhabitants, both located on the I. & G. N. R. R., and possessing good locations, good schools, churches, stores and first-class society.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Colthrop, 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 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.

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.

CROCKETT, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.

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Colossally combining the 2 most famous and enormous menageries ever moved, whose multitude of perfect, and in many conspicuous instances ONLY, captive savage representatives are unequalled in numbers, variety, size and quality by any other exhibit—national or individual, on earth, and single specimens in which actually cost more, would sell for more, and are better worth seeing than the entire menageries of other shows. NO ONE ELSE HAS THEM.

WE HAVE the 3 grandest herds of best trained elephants
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GIANT MALE AND FEMALE HIPPOPOTAMUS

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a monster, full grown, snow white Polar Bear; a stupendous, 2-horned Sumatra Rhinoceros; a flock of towering Sahara Ostriches; a strange Gnu, or horned horse; a magnificent Niger Antelope; a huge family of great black-maned lions; four tremendous Malay Tigers; a rare Orinoco Tapir; a superb New Guinea Cassowary; a Titan Australian Emu.—NO ONE ELSE HAS.

EACH MORNING OF EXHIBITION DOUBLE PARADE PAGEANTS OF PRODIGIOUS POMP.



WE HAVE 104 OPEN DENS, TRIUMPHAL CARS AND CHARIOT RACES no one else has. And it is absolutely true that we have **THE ONLY REALLY GREAT SHOW COMING.**

Admission, 50 cents; Children under 9 years, half price.
 Lowest Excursion Rates Always Arranged For.

High Prices Lost her Friends.

**** They Were Knocked Out by McLEAN & WILSON ****

Who Now Stand With Glove in Hand Waiting For the Next Little Competitor to Poke up His Head.

Extra heavy, yard wide, brown domestic, 3 1/2 yds to the pound, worth and sold for 6c, our knock-out price 4c per yd. Extra heavy stripe cheviot shirting, worth 7c, our knock-out price per yd 5c. Real Manchester chambray No. 3, worth in any city 12 1/2c, our knock-out price is 7 1/2c. Listen! We will pay \$1.00 for 1 yard of real Manchester chambray No. 3 that has been bought in any store in Crockett at 7 1/2c previous to this date. Look out, somebody has been advertising something he don't have. Read this carefully. Johnson's double width, book fold percale, guaranteed fast color, in dark style for waists and wrappers, worth and sold all over the world at 10c per yd, it will be sold in this knock-out sale at the untold price of 6 1/2c per yd. Roman stripes and plaid suiting, worth 8c, our knock-out price 5c per yd. A bargain for all: Black brocade sateen 32 inches wide, worth and sold for 20c our knock-out price is 10c per yd. All wool one way nunveiling in cream, blue and tan, never sold for less than 12 1/2 and 15c, our knock-out price is 9c per yd. Ladies'

Black silk girdles which have been sold in this town at 75c, our price is 15c each. All wool, novelty dress goods, worth 33 1/2c, our knock-out price 20c per yard. Reduction in silk. Our 29c silk in green, pink and cream, knock-out price 19c per yd. Our 35c silk in nearly all colors, knock-out price 25c per yard. Our extra fine, all silk in nearly all the new colors, never sold for less than 75c, our knock-out price 50c per yd. All the finest silks and newest colors, worth all over the world \$1.25, our knock-out price 68c per yd. Also a handsome line of trimming silks. All grades of toweling at the lowest price ever known. Listen! A towel worth twice the money, 46 in. long, 22 in. wide, worth 50c, our knock-out price 12 1/2c each. Our 25c per pair, beautiful patterns good size, white counterpane worth 75c, knock-out price 50c each. Gentlemen, here is some strong talk but we back it up. Harmony percale and madris Negligee shirts with collar and cuffs attached, they are worth \$1.00, our knock-out price, 50c each, less than any merchant in Crockett bought them.

Listen! The knife must sink deeper. White dress shirts with colored plaid bosom, with cuffs and tie to match, these shirts have been sold in this town at \$1.25, our knock-out price is 50c each. All who have worn the Wilson Bros. shirt, know it has no equal. Here is a bargain in something worth your money: Wilson Bros. French percale negligee shirts, with tie, collar and cuffs attached, worth \$1.25, our knock-out price is 90c each. Wilson Bros. colored negligee shirts, detached cuffs, worth \$1.50, knock-out price \$1.00 each. Here is style correct. Wilson Bros. silk and wool flannel shirts with white collar bands and cuffs, worth \$2.00 in any city, our knock-out price \$1.50 each. Men's and Ladies' roman stripe ties, the latest, (so called,) worth 35c, our knock-out price 15c each. Men's heavy cheviot work shirts, in stripes and checks, worth and sold for 30c, our knock-out price 20c each. Men's very heavy cheviot worth and cheap at 35c, our knock-out price is 25c each. Men's extra heavy French cheviot work shirts, stripes and checks, sewed with

vindex cord, seams, no vain edge. we guarantee this shirt to match anything bought in Crockett for 50c, our knock-out price 35c each. We are only lacking in language to describe the unheard value in men's and boys' clothing, the value is so plain that a man never leaves the house without a suit if he comes to town to buy. We pay the railroad company twice the freight money on shoes that any other store in Crockett does, that means we sell two pairs to any competitor's one. We do not study cheapness at the expense of quality,—quality is the guiding star of our mercantile success. It is never our aim to disappoint any one in an advertisement—we try to make it all plain and always have a good quantity of anything we advertise. We would not think of slipping around in town and buying at retail about five or six pairs of shoes in order to try to dictate terms to a firm who had plenty and bought at less than half price. Here are shoes for less money than any merchant in Crockett ever bought them wholesale. We have plenty of them, all new, fresh shoes. Ham-

ilton Brown's \$2.50 butt shoes for ladies, plain dongola, common sense, heel and toe, stamped on bottom \$2.50, sizes 2, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, our knock-out price \$1.45 per pair, every pair guaranteed to be worth \$2.50. Hamilton Brown's French dongola, pat. tip, button pointed toe, \$2.50 ladies' shoes, sizes 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3 our unheard knock-out price is \$1.45 per pair. Hamilton Brown's French dongola pat. tip, button, globe toe, sizes 2, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, and 6, stamped on bottom \$2.50, our knock-out price \$1.45 per pair. Hundreds of other bargains, men's solid bottom, buckle, plow shoes others sell for 90c, our knock-out price is 80c per pair. Men's velvet band hats, stamped Rothchild Bros sole agents, they have been sold in this town at \$3.00, our knock-out price is \$1.50 each as long as they last. We will pay not 12 1/2c but 25c per pair for every pair of Guyot suspenders that any man, woman or child will bring to our store if they haven't been worn. Here is a chance for someone to make some money unless there has been a misrepresentation made. Listen! The truth is mighty and besides it pays.

McLEAN & WILSON.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gooday has got oysters.
Try peanut brittle at Gooday's.
Fine home made candies at Gooday's.
One price to all 25 cents a meal at Gooday's.
Peanut brittle fresh every day at Gooday's.
Leediker has erected a neat residence near J. B. Ellis'.
Get some of those fine oysters at Gooday's at \$1.00 per 100.
Ladies' black satin girdles at 25c each at W. V. McConnell's.
Sporting goods a specialty this season at Arledge & Kennedy's.
The Red flour is sold by Arledge & Kennedy. None better.
Guns and ammunition at the lowest prices at Arledge & Kennedy's.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

When you come to town look for "THE CASH STORE"
It is "loaded down" with CLOTHING and SHOES at Cotton Prices.
BOYS' 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.

FRANK CHAMBERLAIN, THE ONLY DRUG MAN

who has been before you for 10 long years without any change, only for the better, offers you a large and carefully selected stock of fine drugs. May I have your business, Reader?

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

A fine line, the nicest ever brought to the city. All sorts of toys for the children, fine Perfumes, Palmer's, Lightners, etc.

... Prices Very Reasonable on Your Prescriptions. ...

O. A. Driskell of San Pedro was a caller at the COURIER office last week.

Buck's cooking and heating stoves sold at Arledge & Kennedy's.

Xmas is coming, get your fruit cake ingredients at Arledge & Kennedy's.

Miss Hattie Belle Arledge has returned from a protracted visit to San Antonio.

Gooday's for men's or lunch, and oysters in any style, north west corner square.

Mr. J. J. Brooks of Grapeland was a pleasant caller at the COURIER office Wednesday.

D. J. Caskey of Grapeland was in Crockett one day last week and called in to see us.

Arledge & Kennedy have a large stock of canned goods at Galveston prices by the case.

Miss Lucy Stokes has been quite sick during the past week but is now much improved.

Miss Bettie Lunday of Nevils Prairie is in the city visiting her brother G. B. Lunday.

Quite a number of our subscribers remembered the COURIER very substantially recently.

Miss Ruby Moore left Wednesday for Sherman to attend the North Texas Female College.

Judge F. A. Williams of Galveston came up Monday on account of the serious illness of Col. Numm.

Mrs. Robert Numm's class in China painting are talking of giving an exhibit soon: This will be something new for our city.

J. H. Bussel of Lovelady was among the number who called at the COURIER office last week.

You will find a good stock of Crockery, Glassware, Lamps and tinware at Arledge & Kennedy.

Your attention is called to the nice line of Candies ever brought to Crockett at Arledge and Kennedy's.

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters, served in any style and at all hours at Franks'. One door east of Post Office.

Editor Page is still absent and his substitute has the dengue. Hence the COURIER is what you find it.

Two hundred and fifty cases of fresh canned goods just received at Arledge & Kennedy's to be sold at cut prices.

You can get for one dollar a day at the Aldrich House, such a meal as you will have to pay two dollars for at the other hotels. Good rooms. Come and stop with Mr. Coll.

Mrs. Fannie Long and daughter Jessie have returned from a six months sojourn in old Virginia, where she had gone to recuperate her health.

NOTICE.

I take this means of notifying my patrons that my meat market will be closed on Sunday hereafter.

HATCHEL MARKET.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce that it is my purpose to preach on the subject of infant baptism next Sunday.

A. S. WHITEHURST,
Pastor M. E. Church.

The little daughter of T. J. Clark who lives near Weldon, was badly burned last week. She was standing too near the fire and her clothing took fire. She was still alive when heard from last.

Miss Hattie Woodard, who resided in Crockett for several years, but who has resided in San Antonio for the past year, is to be married on December the 8th to Mr. Geo. W. Hagy, of San Antonio. The COURIER extends its congratulations.

FREE LUNCH

At Buck Horn saloon from 12 to 4 o'clock Saturday night with each 5 cent purchase, and free lunch all day show day, Tuesday, Nov. 30.

C. R. BRANNEN, Proprietor.

For Sale.

My farm, 2 1/2 miles from Crockett, on railroad, 155 acres of land, in a high state of improvement. For particulars call on or address W. B. Page, Crockett, Tex.

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. HALL.

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.

To The Public.

Come round and look at the new goods in my shop—Cut-glass ware and Silver ware of latest designs. Novelties of all kinds in Sterling silver. Watch and Jewelry repairing a specialty.

J. A. BRICKER & Co.

A little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquitt Ga., overturned a pot of boiling water, scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Bush, a merchant of Colquitt, for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The child was suffering intensely, but was relieved by a single application of the pain Balm. Another application or two made it sound and well. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

Ed. COURIER:—I have the cheapest farm in the county for sale or rent. But if I can find a gentleman who is able to pay for his year's rations, I will turn over to him everything and farm on halves, throwing in land, plows, mules, cows, cooking-stove and kitching implements. Everything in good shape and everything on hand needed on a first-class farm. He will only have to feed stock and I will furnish the feed. 150 acres in cultivation. It is my home place.

J. R. B. BARBEE,
Lovelady, Texas.

Bianco and the New Edicts.

The pressure exerted by our Government upon Spain is beginning to tell. The revocation of Weyler's merciful concentration order, tardy though it is, marks a change of policy. The pitiful suffering, the numerous deaths hitherto caused by that cruel edict, are wholly beyond remedy, but at least some relief comes for the future. The ravages of fever and hunger, however, will still for a long time go on, although the issue of rations by the Spanish authorities and the measures for furnishing employment on the plantations will bring help and hope.

The new Captain-General is busy in unravelling other ruinous work of his predecessor. He has just signed an edict "affording every facility for sugar grinding, and authorizing agricultural and industrial labor even on those plantations which are in arrears with contributions." The military regulations restricting the use of agricultural implements have also been revoked.

These measures, it is true, do not go to the root of the difficulty. They only put an end to some of the needless barbarities that Weyler inflicted on non-combatants. The great problem of securing peace and independence for Cuba remains, but the hope grows stronger of securing those great ends, when Spain sees, as perhaps she may soon see, that her cause is hopeless.—New York Sun.

CHECK FOR \$13,045,250.

New York, November 23.—The check for \$13,045,250 deposited with the National City bank, as the first payment to the government on account of the debt of the Union Pacific railroad was put through the clearing house to-day with as little formality, and almost as little concern, as a small country check would have been. It was drawn on the Mercantile trust company, and was presented at the clearing house as a charge against the Fourth national bank, which clears for the trust company. The National City bank commenced this afternoon to transfer about three and a half million dollars of the amount to the banks named by the treasury department as government depositories. The next payment of the reorganization committee to the government is to be made by December 6, when between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 is to be transferred. This future payment, like the one to-day, is to be made without the slightest disturbance in the money market. The balance at the clearing house to-day amounted to \$16,233,617. The credit balance of the National City bank, which to-day reached \$8,000,000, is the largest credit balance to one bank which the clearing house authorities can remember.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported to me by T. C. Lively, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Houston County, Texas. The following described animal: One Bay pony mare, 10 hands high, 5 years old, no brand, white star in face, white speck on right shoulder and right thigh, left hind foot white.

In care of C. P. Allen, 10 miles East of Crockett. Filed for record Oct., 15 h, 1897.

Given under my hand and seal of office Nov. 3rd, 1897.

N. E. Allbright,
County Clerk,
Houston Co., Texas.

Mrs. Sudie Prewitt, of Pecos City, had the misfortune to get her leg broken recently by becoming entangled in a calf rope while milking.

YOUNG LADIES BEATEN.

Ohio Brutes Dragged Them From Their Beds.

Holgate, Ohio, November 11.—Word reached here tonight from Oakwood, Ohio, a hamlet twenty-five miles south, of an outrage perpetrated last night by whitecappers on two girls, Edith and May Roberts, aged 19 and 17 years. Ten days ago the young ladies received a whitecap notice warning them to leave the town and county, but they paid no attention to the note. Last evening they retired early and during the night they were awakened by a band of 8 or 9 men entering their rooms and dragging them from their beds in their night robes to a nearby road, where they were terribly whipped with a cat-o-nine-tails, which was found in the road today. After beating the two girls the whitecappers gave them a coat of tar and feathers and took them back to the house, where they were found unconscious this morning by people passing by. May, the youngest of the two girls, is in a critical condition, her flesh being cut to the bone by the whip. A card containing ten names was found tacked to the front door, but none of the names are known about that place.

Blood hounds were placed upon the trail of the whitecappers, but owing to heavy rains and the trampling of hundreds of people about the scene the animals were unable to follow the scent. No other clew can be found.

ROBBERS THWARTED.

Dublin, Tex., Nov. 23.—The regular west-bound passenger train on the Rio Grande came into this place on time with more passengers than usual. When about three miles west, when rounding a curve into a cut, the engineer discovered the track to be obstructed by a pile of rock about three feet high. As usual, when passing this place, the train slowed up. When the obstruction was discovered it was evident that a holdup was intended. The engineer reversed his engine and suddenly stopped his train and in an instant started to back to town. As the train slowed up the robbers, four in number, ordered hands up, but, seeing the train move back, in an instant opened fire on the engineer, who had crouched behind the boiler to avoid their bullets. Three shots took effect in the engine and one passed through the baggage car. Mr. O. H. Weissenger, a traveling man from Waco, who was a passenger and stopped over here when the train came back, says excitement prevailed among the passengers, ladies especially, as they heard the shots and realized the trouble at once. All made frantic efforts to conceal their valuables. Most of the crowd consisted of delegates returning from the Methodist conference at Weatherford. The men wore no masks.

A posse was organized and conveyed to the scene at once by the same train when they proceeded west. The crowd showed their appreciation of the engineer's bravery in a substantial way. The country at the spot selected is rough, with but very little timber.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon, (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for the past two years, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried. Its effects are instantaneous and satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend it, especially for cramp colic and diarrhoea. Indeed, we shall try and keep a bottle of it on our medicine shelf as long as we keep house." For sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

District Court.

Our district court adjourned last Saturday after the largest and busiest term that we have had for nearly four years. Judge Gill was confronted, at the beginning of this term, with the largest docket that we have had for years. He was kept busy during the entire seven weeks, so that there was really no loss of time. It was indeed an expensive term of court, but no human skill or ingenuity could have avoided this, without a disregard of official duty. Judge Gill bore the trying ordeal, the long physical burden and mental strain with marvellous endurance. He not only endured the strain but he acquitted himself during it all in a manner that indicated the wisdom of his selection for this responsible position. His fairness was so apparent that it elicited the commendation of all alike, irrespective of political faith. His ability as a judge and lawyer won him golden opinions from the bar, and hence forth he will be ranked as one of the true legal luminaries of our state. There is a great career before Judge Gill, and we predict that he will one day adorn the bench of our higher tribunals, should his aspirations lead in that direction.

A Bashful Bridegroom.

A bashful young man living near DeLeon recently got married and a few days afterward he delivered himself thusly to a sympathizing friend: "You don't know how bashful I am," he murmured. "The gals just worry the life out of me. When I stood up to get married they all giggled, and when the minister asked me if I'd take the woman for my wedded wife I said, 'purty well, thankee,' and when he pronounced us man and wife said, 'what God hath joined together let no man rip apart,' I broke down and bawled. Oh, it was horrible! But that's nothing to come. 'Bout 11 o'clock the old man sez, sez he: 'Your room's head o' the stairs.' I was so skeered that when I tried to stand up my legs gave way, and I fell over the dog and got bit in three places. I waited till everybody'd gone to bed, then crawled up stairs like a spoon thief. I was afraid to go in, so I sat on the stairs and shivered. 'It's no use,' sez I, 'wot's got to be, haz.' I tuck off my clothes in the dark and shut my eyes. Then I made a break for the door. I found the bed and pulled the cover over my head and laid on the front rail. In the morning I peeped through my fingers to see if I could dress and get out 'fore she woke up, and hang me if I wasn't in bed with the old man an' woman."—DeLeon Free Press.

Harrison Says He's Out of It.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Ex-President Harrison is in Chicago on legal business. To-morrow he will appear in a patent infringement case in the Federal Court, and to-morrow evening he will return to Indianapolis.

Gen. Harrison is at the Auditorium Annex, and he was one of the earliest at breakfast this morning. As he says he no longer takes any interest in politics, is kept busy with his legal practice, and has one of the prettiest babies in Hoosierdom down at his Indianapolis home. Besides this he had nothing to say.

Stamp Ashby to Be a Lawyer.

Fort Worth, Texas, November 11.—H. S. P. Ashby, who is so well known, not only in Texas, but other states as well, will soon apply for admission to the bar. He has been granted a certificate of good character by the county commissioners court. Mr Ashby will be remembered as a candidate for lieutenant governor on the State populist ticket. He is conceded to be one of the best populist orators in the State.

STOCK REDUCING SALE!

To make room for Holiday Goods, ALDRICH & NEWTON

Will begin a SPECIAL SALE for One Week Only.

MONDAY MORNING till SATURDAY NIGHT

- Bedroom Suites, large bevel mirror, regular \$18.00, this week \$12.50.
- Bedroom Suites, regular \$20.00, this week \$15.00.
- Bedroom Suites, regular \$22.50, this week \$18.00.
- Dining Chairs, regular per set \$5.00, this week \$4.50.
- Dining Chairs, regular per set \$7.50, this week \$6.50.
- Dining Chairs, regular per set \$10.00, this week \$8.00.
- Window Shades, regular 25cts., this week 15cts.
- Better ones from 35cts. to 60cts.

Other Goods Reduced in Proportion.

Remember That These Prices... Are Positively Not Effective..... After Saturday Night, December 4th.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

27 LEADING AMERICAN AND FOREIGN COMPANIES. 27

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

D. M. CRADDOCK, Agent,

CROCKETT, TEXAS. Office in Chamberlain Building opposite First National Bank.

J. T. DAWES,

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

Saddlery and Harness.

I make a specialty of hand made saddles, Texas and Colorado styles, guaranteed to be the best, prices from \$7.50 up. Ladies Saddles from \$3.50 up. Good harness complete \$6.00. Don't forget that I sell

Collars, Bridles, Blankets, Halters, Robes and Strap Goods. CHEAPER THAN ANYBODY.

R. C. Stokes,

WATCHMAKER & ADJUSTER,

HAS A COMPLETE LINE OF

Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Etc.

BUYS OLD GOLD AND SILVER. OUR MOTTO, RELIABLE GOODS AT BOTTOM CASH PRICES.

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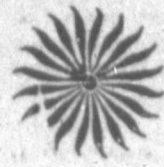
Double daily Train Service. No change of cars. Through Pullman Sleepers between Laredo and Texas cities and St. Louis and Kansas City. Through day coaches to and from Memphis, Tenn. Quickest time and most direct route to Mississippi River Gateways and Eastern points.

Call on nearest Ticket Agent for information as to schedule and rates.

D. J. PRICE, Gen'l Pass. and T'kt Agt. W. T. MUSICK, Traveling Pass. Agent. CROY TRICE General Superintendent. PALESTINE, TEXAS.

A SLAUGHTER FOR DECEMBER.

The bells of time are tolling,
The wheels of commerce are moving.



The world stops not to think,
For it's busy at money-making.

A TALK ON CLOTHING.

Our buyer, Mr. A. J. Wagner, has been very busy the past few weeks, buying up clothing. Fifty suits of a kind are a small lot for a manufacturer, but in order to sell out everything before commencing on summer stock, he makes the prices below the cost of production. Mr. Wagner bought many thousand suits and pairs of pants from the manufacturers of New York. He is still at it. Whenever the price is 50 per cent off and the quality alright, then, Mr. Wagner buys. Mr. Wagner is one of the best judges of clothing of Texas. Many of our readers know him and will bear me out in this assertion. He always buys the good qualities, but he never buys unless the price is CUT IN TWO.

Here are some of the different lots he shipped us recently:

Clothing.

50 Boy's woolen knee Suits, regular \$1.00, suits 50c.
100 Boy's strictly all wool, double breasted knee suits, neat patterns that will not fade or change color, \$2.50 quality, \$1.50. 75 extra fine, all wool, double-breasted, fancy and plain colors, extra well made and finished, would be cheap at \$4.00, \$2.50. Men's all wool, heavy, warm suits, would be cheap at \$5.00, \$2.98. Men's strictly all wool tricort flannel or fancy Scotch cheviot suits, \$7.00, value for \$4.50. Men's all wool casimere and cheviot, fancy and plain colors, would be a bargain at \$7.50 for \$5.00. Men's extra fine and well made imported, fancy and plain casimere worsteds and cheviot suits, well worth \$12.00, choice of lot \$7.50.

This is a cooker for you: 582 extra fine tailor made suits consisting of all the latest importations of novelty suitings for this season and made up by a first class TAILORING firm in New York city, who afterward became hard up and disposed of their entire stock to us at a great sacrifice. These goods were made up to sell at from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per suit.

You can have choice of lot for \$9.88. If you are a judge of values you will get a suit worth \$25.00. Should you fail, however, to get the best, you could not get cheated as there is not a one in the lot that is not worth \$15.00.

150 pair of men's all wool, tailor made pants, \$3.00 grade at \$1.98. 91 pairs of men's extra fine tailor made pants in black, blue and mixed colors, would be cheap at from \$4. to \$6., now \$2.25 to \$3.50.

28 pr of youths' all wool, casimere pants, \$2.00 grade, \$1.00. 12 doz. pr men's ducking jeans pants, \$1.50 grade, 85c. 3 doz. pr men's double front duck pants, 65c grade, 40c.

DRY GOODS.

60 pieces of real zephyr Ginghams, regular 10 and 12 1/2c goods, all good wash color and very suitable for children's school dresses, 6 1/2c. 500 pcs best brands prints, 5c goods, 4c. 5 bales good round thread, cotton stripes, 2 1/2c. 50 ps. good round thread cheviot, 6 1/2c grade, 4 1/2c. 21 pcs. soft finish 8 1/2c cheviot, 6 1/2c. 25 pcs apron check ginghams, 5c, 3 1/2c. 28 real French percales, full yd wide, 10 and 12 1/2c, 6 1/2c. 25 pcs. outing and flannelett cloth, 10c grade, 6 1/2c. 2 bales good yd wide Sea Island domestic, 5c, 3 1/2c. 2 1/2 bales extra fine soft finish yd wide, Sea Island domestic, 7c, 5c. 1 case good yd bleached domestic, 5c, 3 1/2c. 10 bolts lonsdale domestic, 8 1/2c, 6 1/2c.

2 1/2 cases extra good soft finish, yd wide, domestic, free from starch 7c grade for 5c. 3 pcs. 10-4 brown sheeting, 15c quality, 11c. 2 pcs. 10-4 bleached sheeting, 16 1/2c quality, 12 1/2c. 4 pcs. 10-4 Pepperell mills brown sheeting, 13 1/2c. 5 pcs. Pepperell mills bleached sheeting, 16 1/2c. 2 cases extra heavy Canton flannel, 10c grade, 7 1/2c. 3 pcs. 6 1/2c mattress ticking, 4 1/2c. 5 pcs. extra heavy feather ticking, 15c grade, 10c. 3 pcs. fine fancy stripe, sateen finish, feather ticking, 16 1/2c grade, 12 1/2c.

Dress Goods.

400 yds Amaranth cloth, 10c grade reduced to 6 1/2c. 500 yds Persian cashmere, 12 1/2c, reduced to 7 1/2c. 21 patterns, novelty dress goods reduced from 90c to 65c.

34 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.00 to 75c. 22 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.25 to 95c. 48 patterns novelty plaid dress goods, \$1.50 to \$1.00. 27 pa novelty changeable dress goods, \$1.75 to \$1.25. 15 pat novelty, changeable dress goods, \$1.98 to \$1.35. 18 patterns novelty brocade Arabian Jacords, \$2.00 to \$1.65. 22 patterns novelty dress goods, \$2.50 to \$1.93. 15 patterns Scotch cheviot dress goods, \$3.25 to \$2.50. 13 patterns fine Scotch, all wool suiting, \$5.00 to \$3.84. 18 patterns fine boncia and silk mixed, \$6.50 to \$4.85. Big lot solid colored henriettas, serges and cashmeres at less than one half price. Big lot ladies' cloth and broad cloth, 56 in. wide, in all leading colors, regular \$1.25 grade at 75c.

That is the situation to-day. We look not to the right nor to the left, but forward we go, with hands extended, chasing after money. We are following this nymph—are looking forward to a betterment of our surroundings. The one sigh for the conditions which the other enjoy; the other sigh for better conditions than surrounds him. All are busy; all are toiling. The cotton crop may be plentiful and quite sufficient to feed the family, still the farmer grieves because the price is low. The wheat crop is bountiful and the price has doubled. Still he is dissatisfied because he sold at 75c. and did not hold it for \$1. The working man earns \$5 per week and he sighs for \$10. He earns \$10 and he sighs for more. Thus ever and anon the world wants more. Do we complain? Why should we?

This disposition of human nature is why OUR business thrives. The farmer looks to us for the difference between 4c. and 7c. per pound for his cotton. The working man gets \$5 per week and he knows that he can make another by spending his money with us in the difference between the price of our Clothes, Shoes, Hats, etc., and the price asked by the other stores. The banker gets 10 per cent. per annum on the money he loans out. He wants more and he comes to our store and he finds it in the difference between our price and what he would have paid in other stores. Do they complain? No! They come to our store gaining and they go out in ecstasy of joy. They understand our methods. They know that we underbuy, and therefore they know that we undersell. They know that we have the facilities for buying and selling which no other firm in Texas enjoys.

They know that we have 21 wheels of commerce constantly revolving with Galveston in its center surrounding the world. Yes; Galveston, a wheel in a wheel—both wholesale and retail—with the markets of the world at its command on account of its facilities for buying; with two experienced buyers one in New York and the other in Boston with the markets of the world at its command, with facilities for selling on account of the outlet of twenty-one stores that surround her. They do not complain, because they understand that with these many stores we have facilities for buying in vast quantities.

They understand that with the cash and with the outlet for goods that we have we command the price in buying, and therefore we lead the markets in selling. It is but natural that other merchants should offer resistance. If the merchant paid too much for his goods—if they are too high-priced—he must show why or forever hold his peace. He harps, then, on quality and lateness of style. He tells you he has a patent right on quality and style. While there may be a few back numbers who listen to the songs of the sirens, and allow them to pull the wool over their eyes and pocket their extra cash, still the general public understands that our goods are of the highest standard, and that the reason we undersell is because we underbuy.

Shoes.

All the shoe dealers admit that we sell shoes much cheaper than they do. They can't see how we do it, and they are amazed. They don't blame the people for patronizing us as liberally as they do, still they would use the usual argument of quality. THERE IS WHERE WE GOT THEM. We have the reputation for good quality in shoes as well as in other lines. The trading public knows that the reason we undersell is because we underbuy. They have tried our footwear and its good enough for them. We are proud of our name, (the butchers) and the tomahawk is greatly felt in our shoe department. We lower the price and at the same time keep up the quality. There is no merit in selling cheap unless the quality is kept on top. We recognize this fact. We can afford to keep up the quality with our method of underbuying. We have the best shoe trade in Houston County, and the reason is very apparent. A man who can see through a hole in a ladder can see that it is because WE UNDERBUY. This is what the tomahawk has done in our shoe department for December:

All our Drew Selby & Co's fine \$2.50 shoes reduced to \$1.98.
All our Drew Selby & Co's fine \$2.98 shoes reduced to \$2.45.
All our Drew Selby & Co's fine \$3.50 shoes reduced to \$2.98.
All our fine kid button \$2.25 shoes reduced to \$1.75.
All our fine kid button \$2.00 shoes reduced to \$1.50.
All our fine kid button \$1.50 shoes reduced to \$1.25.
" " " " " \$1.25 " " " 98c.
" " " " " \$1.00 " " " 78c.
" " " " " 98c " " " 75c.
" " " " " 75c " " " 50c.
Men's genuine hand sewed Kangaroo \$4.50 shoe reduced to \$3.00.
Our Men's genuine Cordovan and French calf \$5.00 shoe for \$3.50.
Our Men's genuine Cordovan calf \$3.50 shoes, \$2.50.
Our men's genuine calf \$2.50 shoes for \$1.98.
Our men's machine sewed, calf, \$2.50 shoes, for \$1.50.
Our men's Vicid kid and calf \$1.50 shoes for \$1.00.

Furnishings.

Men's work shirts, 25c kind, 15c.
" " " " 35c " 20c.
" " " " fleeced lined 40 and 50c kind for 25c.
" jumpers, 25c kind, 15c.
" white and gray fleeced under shirts 35c quality, 20c.
Men's gray kmt flannel under shirts, 50c quality, 35c.
" Scotch Random under shirts, 60c quality, 40c.
" white knit flannel, French neck silk, piped front, 75c quality, 50c.
Men's laundried nighgee shirts, 35c grade, 20c.
" " " " 50c " 35c.
" " " " Dresden and Persian pattern, 75c kind, 45c.
Men's laundried, white, all linen bosom shirts, 75c kind, 40c.
Men's unlaundried, white shirts, all linen bosom reinforced, 50c kind, 38c.
Men's laundried negligee cheviot shirts, 65c quality, 40c.
Men's good drill drawers, 25c grade, 12 1/2c.
Men's good drill drawers, stocknet anklets, 35c kind, 25c. Men's good drill drawers, double seat reinforced, 40c kind, 25c. Men's unbleached Canton flannel drawers, stayed, 50c kind, 35c. Men's unbleached Canton flannel drawers with knit anklets, 45c. Men's bleached Canton flannel drawers, double seat, 60c grade, 40c. Men's bleached Canton flannel drawers, double seat, extra heavy, stocknet anklets, 50c.
Men's black sox, warranted stainless, 5c grade, 3c.
Men's French mixed seamless sox, 7 1/2c grade, 5c.
Men's extra heavy seamless, and warranted stainless sox, 10c grade, 8 1/2c. Men's double heel and toes, French mixed 12 1/2c black sox, 8 1/2c. Mens extra double heel and toe, would be cheap at 50c, 25c. Men's good large sized fancy bordered handkerchiefs, 5c grade, 2 1/2c. Men's good large sized, fast col bordered handkerchief, 5c, 3c.
Men's good large sized hem stitched handkerchiefs, 10c grade, 5c. Men's full length wire buckle suspenders, no sheep skin to sweat out, 10c. Men's good, extra heavy and strong wire buckled suspenders, 25c kind, 15c.
Men's fine, fancy, silk worked suspenders, 40 and 50c kind, 25c. Big job lot, men's \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 hats, all shapes, styles and colors, choice of entire lot 98c. Big lot men's sample hats, all shapes styles and colors, ranging in value from \$2.00 to \$3.50, bought for 50c on \$1.00, choice of lot \$1.50.

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Best machine thread, 2 spools for 5c. Basting thread, 1 spool for 1 cent. Ball sewing thread, 1 ball for 1c. One paper good needles 1c. One paper pins 1c. Darning cotton, 2 balls 5c. One card hook and eyes 3c. One card rice buttons 2 1/2c. One cake fine coconut oil soap 2c. One ladies' handkerchief 2c.

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With a rub,
And a dub,
And a rub-a-dub dab,
And a rub-a-dub dub on the drum,
The boy comes a tramping
And stamping
And rumping
And a rub-a-dub drubbing his drum.

With a rink,
And a tink,
And a rink-a-tink tink,
And a rink-a-tink tink of the bell,
Number Two comes a flashing
And dashing
And crashing
"Fire injin, an' horses, an' bell."

With a whoot,
And a toot,
And a whoot-a-toot toot,
And a whoot-a-toot on the horn,
The youngest comes blaring
And r'aring
And tearing
And raising the roof with his horn.

With a whang!
And a bang!!
And a whang-a-bang bang!!!
And a whang-a-bang bang all aroun',
Hurrah for the noise!
And the joys
Of the boys
When Santa Claus cometh to town!
—Carl Currie.

A Big Cotton Crop Needed.

That the world needs more cotton than ever before consumed in our season is known to every one interested.

The main trouble at present is the tendency of speculators to overestimate the crop and underestimate the consumption.

There is nothing whatever in the movement of cotton to market, or in the reports from railroads and other authentic sources to indicate a crop in excess of even as high as 10,000,000 bales. There is much reason to believe, however, that the wonderful increase in the world's spinning capacity during the past year will guarantee the consumption of nearly 9,750,000 bales of American cotton, or a quarter of a million more than is generally estimated.

If the consumption should reach these figures, and if the crop should even turn out 250,000 bales more than the 10,000,000 that now seem the full limit, there is nothing whatever to justify the present low prices. A surplus of at least 1,000,000 bales is always counted upon, and unless fully that amount of cotton is visible at the end of this season the world's spinners naturally be anxious as to their future source of supplies. A small surplus and a crop failure in America would mean something like a

cotton famine for the world to confront.

Thus far this season the amount of cotton brought into sight is only 120,000 bales more than in 1894, when the largest crop on record (9,901,000 bales) was raised. The world's visible supply of cotton of all kinds is 840,000 bales less than on November 6, 1894. The English statisticians admit that the world will consume 500,000 bales more during the balance of the season than was consumed in the last ten months of 1894-95. Therefore, with a movement hereafter no greater than was seen that year, the present season will end with a million and a quarter bales less than was visible on August 31, 1895. That year the world acknowledged that cotton had been forced too low several months before the season ended, but too late to give the farmer any profit from the reaction that ensued.

Will a similar course be followed this year, or will the strong statistical position of cotton and the world's absolute dependence upon this country for its supply, be forced upon the spinners and speculators in time to benefit the producer?—Houston Post.

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Hon. W. T. Armistead of Marion county says that he is for Culbertson for the United States senate. So are quite a large number of other prominent and influential democrats of Texas. Ahem! We are for him ourselves.—Willis Index.

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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.

618 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., 28 miles east from Crockett. Improved; very fine farming land, on Cochise Bayou. UNIMPROVED TRACTS.

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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, Antonio Bravo 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 Aldrich Hr., 8 miles south-west from Crockett.—Post oak, black jack and hickory timber.

320 acres, W. 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-east from Crockett. 207 acres, Wm. Crus, 16 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 Huntville 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.

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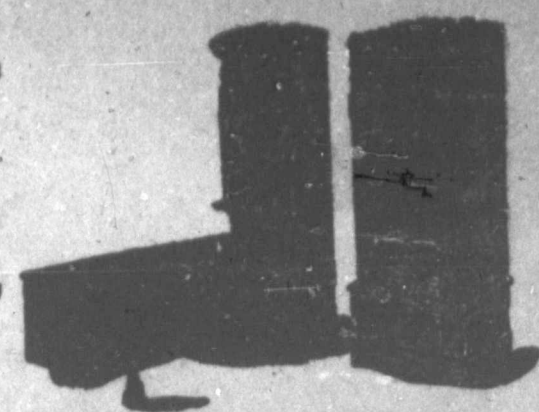
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