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## War Reminiscences.

[By W. D. Pritchard, Crockett, Texas.] As before stated, we were bringing up the rear of the army and on May 10, 1862, we suddenly came upon the enemy's pickets, as Gen. Volley after volley was given, shudders, and one cries out in an- draft on First National Bank Franklin had landed some troops at Elthem's landing in the attempt to cut off our retreat and capture the baggage train. These pickets took two deliberate shots at Gen. Hood who was riding at the head of the 4th Texas, who were marching in front that day. These shots were quickly returned by the 4th and Gen. Hood ordered the men to move up. This they quickly did and formed a line of battle on the crest of a hill over-looking a field, at the far side of which could be seen the enemy in lines, some six hundred yards distant. Gen. Hood threw out company B of 4th Texas as skirmishers. The descent of the hill being somewhat precipitous, the men began firing from the top and here killed three men, the first we ever saw killed in battle, and be it said to the credit of company B that they killed them fully six hundred yards with Enfield rifles, charging down the hill, driving the enemy into the woods, where they kept up a running fire. Company after company were ordered to support these skirmishers until six companies of the 4th had gone to the front. The enemy made a stand behind an old mill dam, when a hot fight ensued. This was of short duration as many of their guns, failing to fire, they threw away and fled to their boats. While following these the 1st platoon of company B came upon the enemy again, strongly fortified behind a stockade. Gen. Hood ordered Lieut. Walsh to charge the position, promising support. Just as Lieutenant Waish ordered the charge, the second platoon of com- ers. The result of this fight was pany B appeared on the left of the very gratifying to Col. Rainey as enemy, and commenced an enfelad- he was very anxious to know how ing fire. It was too much for the his men would stand fire. Gen. foe. They fled in disorder and Hood said: This affair which confusion. In their wild flight brought the brigade so suddenly they ran into the 5th Texas lying and unexpectedly under fire for down in line of battle, who poured the first time served as a happy into them one volley which almost introduction to the enemy." Presannihilated them. While these ident Davis in conversation with stirring events were transpiring a Texas senator said, in speaking here the 1st, 5th and ---- re- of the brigade: "They saved the mainder of the 4th moved into po- rear of the army and the whole of sition in the woods on to the left our baggage train." Gen. Gusof the then engaged forces, leav- tave Smith, in a letter to Horace ing the 18th Georgia to support Randle, paid them this complithe infantry in the rear. The en- ment: "The Texans won immoremy evidently not understanding tal honors for themselves, their the position, dispatched the 1st state and their commander, Gen. California regiment to the left, to Hood, at the battle of Elthan's turn the flank of the rebel lines. In this maneuver they encountered to write of battles or to give any the 1st Texas formed in an old history that has been already writroad. Col. A. T. Rainey quickly called his men to "attention" who, though exposed in an open road, received their fire like veterans of many fields. The fire was telling on the men, when Col. Rainey ordered them to fall back into the woods, kneel down and prepare to receive them. The enemy mistaking this for a retreat rushed for-

the enemy in wild confusion to their gun boats, some six hundred boats, when Gen. Hood, seeing their danger, rushed up and ordered Col. Rainey to "Halt your men!" This order was soon obeyed, but not until we were almost in sight of the boats, who, as if to avenge the defeat of their comrades, poured broadside after effect, as their shots went high in seven hundred men, while the eneemy had eighteen hundred or two thousand. We had Lieut. Col. Black, Capt. Decatur and twenty privates killed and some thirty or forty wounded. The first Texas snffered most as it had eleven kill ed and twenty-one wounded. The killed and wounded, and one hundred and twenty-six taken prisoners, as shown by Gen. Hood's report. Gen. McLennan reported a loss of five hundred men and officlanding." It is not my intention ten, but as this was our first engagement, I trust I will be excused this time; and while speaking of this one, I will give some of its scenes and incidents-and they are peculiar to the first. For instance,

or forty paces of our lines, when alization of its presence, and all Col. Rainey ordered the "color that makes one shrink from the bearer" to unfurl the Lone Star grim monster—is suddenly thrust by way of parenthesis, "aim low the ghastly appearance of the following commercial paper, the and, d-n it, shoot them." A hot dead, the sight is most appalling. same having been lost by me on stinacy held his ground. Seeing not time to reflect upon these Craddock & Co. in favor of W. Rainey, exultant over the heroic feeling one may have is soon lost transfer; one draft drawn by Gal-'em!" with a yell that has gone to interest and amuse the men. ton county of date November the sistible charge the 1st Texas der fire from the gunboats a shot respectively and payable to Geo. sprung from their cover and drove from one of them cut off the top of M. Waller or bearer for amounts a pine tree behind which "Ike," not remembered; also one deficienan Indian from Polk county, who cy state warrant on State Treasurvards distant. So hot was the pur- belonged to our regiment, was er of Texas for \$24 payable to G. suit that the Texans were about standing. The top fell close to M. Waller, sheriff, and signed by running under the fire of the gun him who, not liking this sort of R. W. Finley, Comptroller of Pubwarfare, with true Indian instinct lic Accounts; also seven waregave a loud "Wagh! no good for house receipts for a ven bales of Indian," and took to his heels.

### The Tobacco Business.

the last issue for a dozen or so far- one by A. M. Rencher to W. tle. We had in this engagement ing with the growth, culture and were a lot of other valuable papers. train about twenty men, women curing of the tobacco plant in this county, we have received assur- day of this week. They were in a from Alabama. There were a halfances from two of their readiness red pocket-book made by Geo. D. dozen or more families constituting to go into the work and give it a Barnard & Co. of St. Louis. I will the crowd, of whom there were portant that the organization should be perfected as soon as possible as there are many preliminaenemy's loss was three hundred ry steps to be taken before the planting stage is reached. We feel confident that enough will come forward and unite with us in this new enterprise and it is hoped that they will signify their willingness to do so at once as we wish to get together and organize and get fully equipped for the business. This is growing to be a great industry in Eastern Texas and Houston county should be willing and ready to keep fully up with her adjoining willing to go into the organization will please make such fact known

## A Cutting Scrap.

Marshal Bonner and Frank King, both colored and brothersin-law, had trouble last Sunday in which Bonner cut King seriousmarried King's sister and had been engaged in a fight with her. King undertook to separate them and protect his sister when Bonner got out his knife and made a swipe at King with the result above mentioned. King is under treatment by Dr. J. B. Smith and his condi-

last Saturday and it was feared at is Dec. 21, 22 and 23. that is dreadful in the thought of one time that she had pneumonia. ward with a yell to within thirty death-all that is fearful in the re- She is better at this writing.

### Notice.

The public generally are hereby warned not to purchase, trade or flag and "give them h-l," adding upon you. Doubly horrible from traffic for any part or parts of the fight for a few minutes ensued. The heart sickens, the very soul trip this week to Groveton: One which was promptly returned by guish of spirit: "My God, is this Crockett, Texas, for twenty two the enemy, who with dogged ob- war?" But fortnnately you have dollars and some cents, drawn by nothing was gained by this, Col. scenes, and whatever sympathy or Page and handed me without action of his men and fired with in the heat of battle or the excite- veston Dry Goods Company for that chivalrous valor for which he ment of the charge. Yet 'mid all \$1.50 in favor of Geo. M. Waller; was so well noted, ordered his men these scenes of horror and death, also two Houston county warrants to "charge 'em, boys, charge there are many things happening or vouchers on treasurer of Housdown in history. With an irre- On this occasion while we were un- 10th, 1897, numbered 2925 and 29 cotton, four of which were issued by Bennett & Tu stall, Crockett. Texas, to Will Rush; one by Ben-In response to our invitation in nett & Tunstall to C. B. Kennedy; mers to join and co-operate with Page and attached to draft to said broadside into the woods with no the writer in the organization of a Page named above; one by Saxon company the purposes and objects & Howard of Crockett to George or the air. This ended our first bat of which shall be the experiment. Harriet Ware. Besides these there On Wednesday afternoon's 5 o'clock

with all its contents.

GEORGE M. WALLER. Monday, Dec. 13, 1897.

Fat Hogs Get More In Trouble. Joe Roden was in town Wednesday for papers and an officer to arrest three negroes who stole some of his hogs. Joe left home to hunt some hogs that were running at large in a certain piece of woods and while he was absent in pursuit of the stray bunch "Parson" last Sunday with some one, the Bill Reckless, Pars Coulter and result being that a gun was drawn Wm Johnson slipped into his range and fired, the ball entering Hysister counties in this new field of near his home and by means of man's head and making a bad, and hogs. He spotted the ones he after surgical aid. Further parnine or ten darkies who have gotten into trouble within the last two weeks over fat hogs.

than conscience.

## Holiday Excursions

sold to Kansas City, Hannibal and has been and nothing but a policy phis, Tenn., and New Orleans, La., change. limited 30 days for return, at rate tion is considered a precarious one, of one fare for round trip. Dates

D. J. PRICE, General Passenger and Ticket Agt. He got 41 for it.

A Wedding. Cards are out announcing the marriage on the 22nd. inst. of Herbert Leaverton, son of H. C. Leaverton, and Miss Ruth Taylor, daughter of Polk Taylor of Daly. Herbert is a young man noted for his exempalry habits and manly traits of character, energetic, sober and industrious. With no misfortune the young gentleman has a future of much promise ahead of him. The bride elect is pretty, petite and attractive and highly esteemed by all for her true womanly worth. Our felicitations are with the happy couple to be.

### In Trouble.

There is a Parson Stamp in trouble down at Groveton for something "concerning the disappearance of a horse." He lay in iail for several weeks and was ad mitted to bail this week. If we mistake not this is same "person" who lived down on Nevil's Prairie awhile and while there worked up great religious excitement by proclaiming that he was the second Messiah or a representative of him. It is said that he justified his experience of the horse on the ground that he was bidden to do so in a vision.

## Aisbamians Come.

These papers were lost on Mon- and children landed in Crockett fair and intelligent trial. It is im- reward the finder thereof liberally eight or ten men. They are here for the return of this pocket book to stay and in due time will locate in this county. They were, apparently, very desirable citizens and all such will receive a generous welcome to this county where they will find the people hospitable, bighearted and open-handed, eager to encourage and help on all who try to help themselves.

## A Shooting Scrap.

Hyman Woods, col, living down on the bayou, got into trouble experimentation. Those who are dogs caught two of his best meat ugly wound. A runner came in thought guilty, accused them of it ticulars can not be had at this and they owned up. This makes writing, it not being known who did it nor the cause of it.

The new management on the I. There are three things that will & G. N. seems to be cleaning out not "homologate" in unctious free- all the old employees and getting dom and harmony and they are, in new men. They are applying ly in the abdomen, the wound an unmarked fat hog, a cold day this policy from the General Offices reaching the hollow. Bonner and a negro with more appetite to section foremen. We understand that the old "stand by" on this road Pat Barry, has been let out. The road will never, have a better Round trip tickets may also be or more faithful employe than Pat St. Louis, Mo., Cairo, Ill., Mem- of favoritism can justify such a

Billy Steed was in town Wednesof sale same as holiday excursion day with five bales of cotton which Mrs Corry was taken quite ill rates to southeastern points, which Ike Daniel pronounced the prettiest cotton on the market this season, grading almost middling fair.

The reason people like to buy Drugs, Medicines, Sundries, Fine Writing paper and Tablots from I. H. Haring & Co., or have them prepare their Prescription, is because they treat them right, as weil as give them the best for their money. They offer you an unequalled line of these goods at low prices and courteous attention, and acknowledge your right to buy when and where you may choose.

the shuddering horror one feels

at seeing his first dead man-all

We ever invite a comparison of our goods and prices with those of other houses and in all cases Guarantee Satisfaction whatever you buy from us.

# 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.

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 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 're-

## 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. 71 extra fine, all wool, double breasted, the price is low. The wheat crop 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 tricot flannel or fancy Scotch cheviot suits, \$7.00, value for \$4.50. Men's 'all wool casimere cause he sold at 75c. and did not and cheviot, fancy and plain colors, would be a bargain at \$7.50 for \$5.00. Men's extra fine and well made im- hold it for \$1. The working man perted, fency and plain casimere worsteds and cheviot suits, well worth \$12.00, choice of lot \$7.50.

suitings for this season and made up by a first class for more. Thus ever and anon the 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. 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.

60 pieces of real zephyr Ginghams, regular 10 and 121c goods, all good wash color and very suitable for stripes, 24c. 50 ps. gold round thread cheviot, 64c grade, 44c. 21 pcs. soft finish 84c cheviot, 64c. 25 pcs apron check ginghams, 5c, 34c. 28 real French percales, full we undersell. They know that we have the facilities yd wide 10 and 124c, 64c. 25 pcs. outing and flannelett cloth, 10c grade, 64c. 7 bales good yd wide Sea Island joys. domestic, 5c, 34c. 24 beles extra fine soft finish yd wide, Sea Island domestic, 7c, 5c. 1 case good yd bleached domestic, 5c, 34c. 10 bolts lonsdale domestic, 84c, 64c

24 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%c quality, 124c. 4 pcs. 10-4 Pepperell mills brown sheet- buying; with two experienced buyers one in New York tra heavy, stocknet anklets, 50c. ing, 134. 5 pcs. Pepperell mills bleached sheeting, 16%c. 2 cases extra heavy Canton flannel, 10c grade, 71 3 pcs. 64c mattress ticking, 44c. 5 pcs. extra heavy feather ticking, 15c grade, 10c. 3 pcs. fine fancy stripe, sateen the outlet of twenty-one stores that surround her. They finish, feather ticking, 16%c grade, 12%c.

## Dress Goods.

400 yds Amaranth cloth, 10c grade reduced to 61c. 500 yds Persian cashmere, 121c, reduced to 71c. 21 patterns, novelty dress goods reduced from 90c to 65c.

to \$3.84. 18 patterns fine boncla 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' regular \$1.25 grade at 75c.

That is the situation to-day. We ton crop may be plentiful and has done in our shoe department for December: quite sufficient to feed the family, \$1.98 still the farmer grieves because is bountiful and the price has doubled. Still he is dissatisfied beearns \$5 per week and he sighs for This is a cooker for you: 582 extra fine tailor made suits consisting of all the latest importations of novelty \$10. He earns \$10 and he sighs world wants more. Do we complain? Why should we?

This disposition of human nature is why OUR business thrives. The tarmer 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? children's school dresses, 64c. 500 pcs best brands No! They come to our store gaining and they go out in prints, 5c goods, 4c. 5 bales good round thread, cotton 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

> 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 wheelboth wholesale and retail-with the markets of the world at its command on account of its facilities for and the other in Boston with the markets of the world at its command, with facilities for selling on account of do not complain, because they understand that with these many stores we have facilities for buying in vast

They understand that with the cash and with the outlet for goods that we have we command the price in buy-34 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.00 to ing, and therefore we lead the markets in selling. It is no sheep skin to sweat out, 10c. Men's good, extra 75a 23 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.25 but natural that other merchants should offer resistance. to 95c. 48 patterns novelty plaid dress goods, \$1.50 to If the merchant paid too much for his goods-if they are \$1.00. 37 pa novelty changeable dress goods, \$1.75 to too high-priced-he must show why or forever hold his \$1.25. 15 pat novelty, changeable dress goods, \$1.98 to peace. He harps, then, on quality and lateness of style. \$2.00 to \$1.65. 22 patterns novelty dress goods, \$2.50 He tells you he has a patent right on quality and style. colors, ranging in value from \$2.00 to \$3.50, bought for to \$1.93. 15 patterns Scotch cheviot dress goods, \$3.25 While there may be a few back numbers who listen to to \$2.50. 13 patterns fine Scotch, ail wool suiting, \$5.00 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 cloth and broad cloth, 56 in. wide, in all leading colors, highest standard, and that the reason we undersell is because we underbuy.

## Shoes.

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All the shoe dealers admit that we sell shoes much look not to the right nor to the cheaper than they do. They can't see how we do it, and left, but forward we go, with hands they are amazed. They don't blame the people for patronizing us as liberally as they do, still they would use out everything before commencing on summer stock, he extended, chasing after money. We the usual argument of quality. THERE IS WHERE was the prices below the cost of production. Mr. Wagner bought many thousand suits and pairs of are following this nymph—are quality in shoes as well as in other lines. The trading public knows that the reason we work. He is still looking forward to a hard to be had been as the reason we work. looking forward to a betterment of underbuy. They have tried our footwear and its good enough for them. We are proud of our name, (the butchour surroundings. The one sigh ers) and the temahawk is greatly felt in our shoe defor the conditions which the other partment. We lower the price and at the same time keep up the quality. There is no merit in selling cheap unenjoy; the other sigh for better less the quality is kept on top. We recognize this fact. We can offord to keep up the quality with our method of conditions than surrounds him. All underbuying. We have the best shoe trade in Houston County, and the reason is very apparent. A man who are busy; all are toiling. The cot- can see through a hole in a ladder can see that it is because WE UNDERBUY. This is what the tomahawk

All our Drew Selby & Co's. fine \$2.50 shoes reduced to

All our Drew Selby & Co's, fine \$2.98 shoes reduced

All our Drew Selby & Co's, fine \$3.50 shoes reduced to

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. " " 98e " " 75e. " " 50e.

" Men's genuine hand sewed Kangaroo \$4.50 shoe

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 Vici kid and calf \$1.50 shoes for \$1.00.

Men's work shirts, 25c kind, 15c.

" fleeced lined 40 and 50c kind for 25c. " jumpers, 25c kind, 15c.

white and gray fleeced under shirts 35c quality,

Men's gray knit flaunel 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 negligee shirts, 35c grade, 20c.

" Dresden and Persian pattern, 75c

Men's laundried, white, all linen bosom shirts, 75c

Men's unlaundried, white shirts, all linen bosom reinorced, 50c kind, 38c

Men's laundried negligee cheviot shirts, 65c quality, 40c. Men's good drill drawers, 25c grade, 12 c.

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, ex-

Men's black sox, warranted stainless, 5c grade, 3c. Men's French mixed seamless sox, 7 to grade, 5c.

Men's extra heavy seamless, and warranted stainless sox, 10c grade, 8 gc. Men's double heel and toes, French mixed 121c black sox, 81c. Mens extra double heel and toe, would be cheap at 50c, 25c. Men's good large sized fancy bordered handkerchiefs, 5c grade, 2½c. 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, 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 50c on \$1.00, choice of lot \$1.50.

Best machine thread, 2 spools for 5c. Basting thread spool for 1 cent. Ball sewing thread, 1 ball for 1c. One paper good needles 1c. One paper pins 1c. Darnng cotton, 2 balls 5c. One card hook and eyes 3c. One card rice buttons 2½c. One cake fine cocoanut oil soap 2c. One ladies' handkerchief 2c.

## MISTROT BROTHERS & CO.,

but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart

Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be real-



so relaxes the system and assists Nature, that the necessary change takes place without Nausea, Headache, Nervous or boding of danger, and the

trying hour is robbed of its pain and suffering, as so many happy mothers have experienced. Nothing but "Mother's Friend" does this. Don't be deceived or persuaded to use anything else.

"Mother's Friend" is the greatest remedy ever put on the market, and all our customers praise it highly."—W. H. Eins & Co., Whitewright, Tex. Of druggists at \$1.00, or sent by express on receipt of price. Write for book containing valuable information for all Mothers, mailed free. The Bradfield Regulator Co., Flanta, Ga.

## I. & G. N. PLEADED GUILTY

Violation of the Railroad Commission's Tariff Was Charged.

THE FINES AGCREGATED \$10,000

Other Cases Against Other Lines Will be Filed Soon.

cord as Attorney-General. He is compelling the railroads to live up to the tariff of rates fixed by the commissioners and doing it with a vigor and promptness that will command the admiration of his enemies even. The latest move of Mr. Crane on this line is his overhauling of the I. & G. N. for the rebates it gave to Frank Smith of Crockett, to Smith and Jones, the former of Crockett and the latter of Huntsville and to the National Oil Mill of Houston. It will be seen from reading the clipping below that the I. & G. N. R. R. had over stepped the tariff fixed by the R R. commission and had given to Frank Smith, and Smith and Jones, and the National Oil Mill of Housrebates on meal and hulls for feeding from Houston to Crockett and the latter, on shipment of cotton seed from Crockett and other points on the I. & G. N. to ii uston. It is not given out just how Mr. Crane got on to this information of the railroad's discrimination but he got it nevertheless and forced the road to pay the penalty. The attorney general filed twenty suits against the road for the violation of the Commission schedule. The I. & G. N. pleaded guilty in each case through its attorney and paid the penalty \$500 in each case, the total in the twenty cases aggregating ten thousand dollars. Besides this, the road goes into court and Kansas City Star promises not to violate the schedule of charges any more. From the Post,

the Fifty-third district court today was in town again last night on quaint myself with the country. Attorney General Crane filed twen- his way to Old Mexico, "by "I met Mr. Romero, the Mexican ty penalty suits against the Inter- easy stages" as he expresses it, in minister in Washington, a charmnational and Great Northern rail- order to study the conditions of a ing man; and my conversation way, alleging violation of the rail- free silver republic. Mr. Bryan with him made me all the more road commission's tariffs and will not admit this as the object of desirous of taking the trip." charging that the railway company his trip, but says with that charhad, on various and sundry occa- acteristic smile that he is going to ly showed Mr. Bryan the item telsions, discriminated in favor of the the sunny South, with Mrs. Bryan ling of David Ward shooting a National Cotton Oil company and and ex-governor T. T. Crittenden, hole through the ex-candidate's pic-T. F. Smith of Crockett and Jones simply because he desires to have & Smith of Crockett, in the trans- a much needed rest. portation of cotton seed.

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nounced against the human race, diately paid. As in the Southern and personal Kansas City friend. her babe, proves the contrary. agrees to hold in suspense Mexico?" was asked. Danger and suffering lurk in other charges against the defenthe pathway of the Expectant dant company provided it makes have often wanted to visit that part no further attempt to evade the of the south and as cold weather is commission law. Other cases coming on I have concluded this ized, in full vigor and strength. against other lines will be filed would be the best time to go. I

Entered a Plea of Guilty and Deposited | visit?" Ten Thousand Dollars in the State Treasury

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8-Attorney general Crane and General Attormise negotiations on the International and Great Northern re- ministers." bates today. The former filed twenty suits against the road, alleging rebates or discriminations. in rates on cotton seed and cotton seed hull shipments. All the shipments of seed were made to Houston from Oakwoods, Buffalo, Wavof 9 to 17 cents per 100 pounds. week from Sunday." One shipment is dated as late as "But the object of your trip; is it November 16, 1897. About the only for rest?" same margin is realized in favor of the oil company on shipments of eed and hulls from Houston back up the road. All the cases were filed to-day and immediately the attorneys on both sides closed up

General Attorney Stedman pleaded guilty for the railroad. Judgment was promptly entered up. The money to cover the judgment, being \$10,000 in the aggregate, or twenty fines at the minimum of \$500 in each case, was paid into court, the railroad giving acquittance and the clerk transferred the fine to the attorney general, who deposited it with the state

The railroad commission was not present, but agreed to the compromise. The compromise is exactly like the one with the Southern Pacific, all other suits being held observance of the commission's tariffs by the road.

## TO OLD MEXICO FOR A REST.

WM. J. BRYAN MADE A BRIEF HALT

The Nebraskan Denied That Hi Visit to Mexico Would Be to Study the Operation of Free Coinage—A Reception at the Coates.

Austin, Texas, December 8-In when he was last in Kansas City, In other words' I am going to ac-

Mr. Bryan was seated in one of away at the original."

The defendant, through its attor- the large cushioned chairs of the ney, M. A. Fteadman, pleaded guil- Coates notel lobby when approachy and judgment for \$500 penalty ed by a reporter for The Star last was entered for the State in each night. He was chatting with "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth case, the aggregate amount assessed Henry S. Julian, ex-chief of police. children," that a curse was pro- being \$10,000, which was imme- ex-Governor Stone's close political

Pacific cases the attorney general "You are on your way to Old

"Yes," replied Mr. Bryan. "I will be gone about a month"

HE IS GOING FOR REST. "What is the object of this

"Rest, simply rest"

At this point the Rev. J. E. Roberts, pastor of the Church of the World," was presented to the cenney Stedman closed their compro- tral figure of the little group, as 'Dr. Roberts, one of our leading

> "What denomination, doctor?" asked Mr. Bryan, innocently.

hesitated and said with a smile: "By the way, what denomination do I belong to?"

Mr. Bryan looked troubled and erly, Crockettt, Huntsville, Jack- glanced inquiringly at those about sonville, Riverside and Georgetown, him. Explanations followed. and the National Cotton Oil Co. Coming back to the original subof Houston was the shipper in all ject Mr. Bryan continued his rethese cases. The attorney general cital. "Yes, it is true I am going charged that on other snipments of for away for rest. I leave to-night seed from the various points named for Guthrie, Oak., where I speak to full commission rates were charged, morrow and then I'll go to Galveswhile the National Cotton Oil Com- ton to get a few canvas backs. pany was getting the cut rates. am not much of a shot, but then I The allegations contain statements do love the sport. From there I giving the commission rate and the go to San Antonio, where I will be cut rate. The cotton seed company joined by my wife and Governor paid from 7 to 11 cents per 100 Crittenden, and then on to Mexico. pounds, against commission rate We expect to arrive there, say a

HAS MADE FEW PLANS.

"That's all. We have made few plans and have done so on purpose. I have no desire to be called upon to speak and I wish to be without a care. Here, ever since the Chicago covention, our lives, my wife's and mine, have necessarily been run on the clockwork order. Rest did not come with the end of the Best Goods in the Market campaign. It has been work, work ever since. We have that same feeling that comes over us occasionally, a desire to get away from public gaze and enjoy quiet seclusion."

"But, Mr. Bryan isn't your chief object to study the conditions of Ea SI de o f Public Squar. those people under a free silver

"You see I have been all over the United States and have visited Canada, which by the way, is a gold standard country, so I thought in abeyance pending the proper I'd like to go among the people of our sister republic on the south. Mind you, I would go there just country, as my visit to Canada il- Shop near my old stand. lustrates. I want to learn all about the country and I know of no better way than to go in this quiet manner. I understand Mexico

has made great progress." "Will you remain in the City of Mexico all the time?"

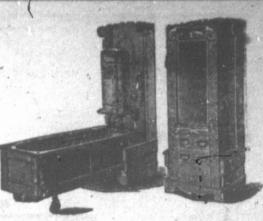
THE CITY ONLY HEADQUARTERS. "Bless you, no. I shall simply make that my headquarters and William Jennings Bryan, wear- run out into the provinces from ing the same modest suit of black there. I want to see Vera Cruz, that adorned him ten days ago, the volcanoes, and-other things.

Mr. Julian had a copy of The Star in his hand and he laughingture in a Leeds saloon brawl.

"That's all right," said Mr. Bryan, "as long as they dont pepper

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## HIVERS BROS. SAYS

That the figures set by them January 1, 1897, will soon have been touched, because we have the goods and the prices thereon that will enable us to sell



worth more, this being the amount necessary for us to sell to reach the height of our aspirations for this year. We have striven to reach the mark set by us in the beginning of the year and we will. We can't keep from selling the amount needed, because the prices at which we are offering goods will not permit them to remain on or in our premises. Why to-day we are selling 111 lbs of Coffee for \$1, 30 yards checks for \$1, 30 yards Calico for \$1, and everything else in proportion. Yet we are not selling at cost, neither of us are going to Klondike, nor have we a score of stores. One thing we do and will continue to do-give every person as much or more for the dollar as any other firm in Houston or adjoining counties. We not only carry a large and complete line of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Milli ery, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Furniture, etc., but we have on hand and carry in stock Hardware, Crockery and Groceries. You will notice that it is not necessary for you to worry yourself walking from one place to another to get this and that when you can get it all under one roof.

## The Month of December

is one of the busiest of the year for the merchant. We are interested in the winding up of this year's business. Inventory is taken during the last days of this month. We are going to invoice as little of this year's goods as possible. Our prices on goods the balance of this month will

## Discount Any Cost Sale

in Crockett. We bought our goods right. Every dollar's worth in our store is paid for. So we do not have to sacrifice anything to settle with our creditors on January 1, but to attain an end, we will give values for the balance of this month that no one can duplicate. Those who are alive to their interest are invited to take advantage of the opportunities offered by this sale of seasonable goods at the store of

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## MONDAY EDITION.

NEEDS OF CROCKETT.

(Contributed.) ple have lived so long without im- his way clear to undertake the Many are willing to draw in their ourselves and our children cannot result. bibing any spirit of enterprise that they have become insensible to the fact that Crockett is not all that she could or should be. It is evident, to any thinking man, that the small degree of energy displayed in the way of public improvements in our town for the past amount of insurance with a good plished. The city council is pre- other matters of improvement that few years must be placed to the system of waterworks, would pay sumed to reflect public sentiment. deserve attention, and we propose the outlook in our congressional credit of a comparatively few indi- the interest on the investment in That they do not invaribly do so to continue to direct attention to district, and that Mr. Cooper is serviduals, and in no sense to any general public spirit among our it? If both private interest and for the people of Crockett to say that our yery perseverance will never has been the ideal congresscitizens. It is also evident, that public spirit demand it, we repeat whether they desire to go forward eventually arouse the people of with the resources at her com- why not have it? mand Crockett is not what she should be. She falls far short of the high possibilities that lie within her reach. It is the purpose of walks. There can be but one taxation, and for some the word this article to call attention to a opinion as to their condition, and taxation has all the terrors of sheol. few of our delinquencies in the hope that some one may be induc- sightly. Our sidewalks have been ation to only a very limited extent. ed to take the initiative in meet- justly termed pig trails. It is The city now levies a tax of seventy ing the needs of the situation. A town is simply an agregation of individuals and, like a composite photograph, it represents the blended characteristics of the world. A look at a town reveals the character of its people, and enables us to measure their public spirit and interest in the general welfare. If a citizen of Crockett were asked if Crockett needed a system of waterworks, he would probably reply very promptly in the affirmative, but if he were asked to invest any of his capital in such an enterprise he would probably with equal promptness decline. In this he would exhibit a deficiency of public spirit. There is almost a unanimity of opinions that we" need

difficulty is inducing a sufficient grow forever and forever."

ficient amount of capital to en- streets need to be widened, and we followed by elegant flower yards many friends, especially among the gage in the enterprise. The Cou- need sidewalks where now we have and beautiful fences, and soon our old Confederates. RIER calls attention to this again none. It is futile to hope for any desert town would blossom as the as it has so often done in the past voluntary concerted action on the rose. What this would mean in following in our section and hence It may be that many of our peo- in the hope that someone may see part of property owners in the city. the refinement and elevation of his withdrawal can not affect the routine. We believe that it can fences and thus widen the streets, be estimated. Like light upon the be demonstrated, with mathemat- while others will hold on to every sensitive plate in the camera, it Colonel Mills' straddle on the silver ical precision, that the difference be- inch of ground with all the tenaci- would photograph itself upon the question will elect Governor Cultween the amount of premiums ty and instincts of a leech. There hearts and lives of our people, and berson to the senate. Of course paid for insurance under the pres- is hope in but one direction. The would be reflected in a thousand East Texas is sold for Colonel T. S. ent conditions and the diminished city council must move in this ways in the future development of Garrison for State treasurer?" amount needed to carry the same matter or it will never be accom- our city and people. There are waterworks. Then why not back is self evident. It simply remains them from time to time, hoping ving his last term-in fact. Cooper or to remain stagnant. It is in Crockett to a sense of this duty democratic choice, but has man-Then we would, for the hun- their power to control this matter. and their own interest. dreth time, invite attention to the But some one raises his hands in condition of our streets and side- horror and says that this means that is that they are dirty and un- Yes it means taxation, but taxcertain that the general appear- five cents on the hundred dollars ance of our town creates an un- worth of property. Fifty cents fayorable impression upon the vis- of this is to defray the current exitor and the stranger in our midst. penses of conducting our city Each citizen should have an inter- schools. Twenty five cents is for est in this matter of vital concern the purpose of paying the interest both to ourselves and our children. and to create a sinking fund to ex-Too many are content to tread the tinguish the principal of our path their fathers trod, even school house bonds. This sinking though that path be a pig trail. fund has been accumulating for six We enter our solemn protest or seven years. It ought to be against any such moss-backism producing some revenue, and this and stagnation. We believe that tax of twenty five cents could beauty and art have their missions with safety be reduced to twenty to this sin-cursed world, and that cents, or perhaps even to fifteen it is a mission of elevation and cents, and a street tax be substiturefinement, "Better fifty years of ted for the reduction. Besides a Europe than a cycle of Cathay." large revenue is now produced by If we would have our children take the street tax paid in lieu of street a step forward we must pave the work. The money con be had to way for it. The spirit of improve- do the work, and a system of grad-It can hardly be questioned that ment is contagious, and will like, ual improvement, could soon prowe are able to have them, but the rechoes roll from soul to soul and duce a transformation in the ap. jed reputation and in my opinion

Strong For Imboden. Hon. S. W. Blount, a prominent lawyer and politician of San Augustine, being at the Hutchine the pending politics and candidates, said: "I am absolutely out of polopinions antagonistic to the present democratic financial policyic organization and trust to stay with the party.

in a section where populists are numerous and active, and that candidate commends himself most to against that party, and in this line Crane has established an unequal-

'I think Colonel Blake had no

"I think Judge Reagan's age and

"How about congress?"

"Well, I teel that I am posted on man of the district nor the real aged to pull the nomination by good luck and rivalries of other candidates as between themselves.

"That young lion of democracy, Imboden of Cherokee, is now an active and aggressive candidate House yesterday mixing with the against Cooper and being one of throng of visitors from various the most brilliant, energetic and parts of the state, was seen, and effective campaigners in the State, being asked for an expression on and a young man who has carved his way to the eminence he already occupies, from the humblest itics so far as having any present walks in life, unaided except by or prospective ambition for person- his own indomitable will and great al promotion-gone into retire- natural ability and being of the ment, so to speak, with my firm finest moral character, will, in my opinion, easily defeat Cooper and be our next congressman. tho' I yet train with the democrat- Fact is, Cooper himself has already seen the handwriting on the with the ship. And staying, work | wall.' And after Imboden has been for my friends who are in accord in congress two sessions all Texas will be proud of the position he "As to governor? Well, I live will occupy. Besides it's just the destiny of the man to win.

"I laugh at his extreme free silver views and his admiration for us who is the finest campaigner Bryan; but, for all that, he's a coming man. You watch him.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockpearance of our town. Nice broad will carry most of the territory ett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennumber of our citizens with a suf- Now it is sure that many of our streets and sidewalks would be 'thus afflicted,' though Sayers has nedy & Co's Grocer Store.

VING to sickness we are not able to quote prices this week.

Don't become offended if you see us sell a suit for even less than \$10 that your neighbor paid us \$12.50 for, or a pair of WING to sickness we are not able to quote prices this week. shoes for \$1.50 that we have been selling for \$2. Dress goods for 10c, that we have been selling for 15c., or anything in our store, as we are now anxious to close everything in stock. Many things have been closed down to one or two, or down to a few yards. Then we close regardless of cost or value. No limit to prices on many things. The only way you can be benefitted is to come and price these goods. You have lost something if you fail to do this. McLEAN & WILSON.

NEWS.

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stock of canned goods at Galveston emergencies by buying a bottle at fact that they will have the burden D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., Palesprices by the case.

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CROCKETT, Tex., Dec. 8, 1797. MR. EDITOR:

In your last issue you asked what has become of the new church enterprise. I take pleasure in complete this enterprise as it telling you that it is moving on just as well as it can.

We have the brick all made and will soon have the last kiln burnt. We are gathering up material in donations and will soon begin We lay it on the church yard. owe nothing and have upwards of two thousand dollars worth of material or will have as soon as our It is last kiln of brick is burnt.

now about ready to be fired.

Our people are responding noable, but has, so far, done his part, either in cash or its equivalant. It is untrue that the Methodist people are doing nothing or nearly nothing in the enterprise. Whether they are in sympathy with the move is shown by the cash they are putting in it. Those who are reporting that our church members are doing nothing for the enterprise herald their ignorance of the facts. The books are open for inspection; anyone may examine who chooses. Now and then I discover a sneaking spirit who would oppose the enterprise if he only knew how. Why will anyone do the like? It is passing I write this to let you know what strange that a citizen of the place I would not do. I would not do would have any other than a hearty without Chamberlain's Pain Balm anxiety for the consumation of the n my house if it cost \$5 per bot- undertaking. Every interest in tle. It does all you recommend it | Crockett will be helped by buildto do and more.-J. R. Wallace, ing such a structure as we contem-Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's plate erecting. If anyone finds the I. & G. N. R. R. will sell popu-Pain Balm is the best household himself unwilling to aid, let him lar rate excursion tickets to Mexiliniment in the world and invalua- at least not get in the way of those co City and Monterey. For parble for rheumatism, lame back, who are willing. The Methodists ticulars, call on nearest Ticket Arledge & Kennedy have a large sprains and bruises. Be ready for of Crockett are conscious of the Agent, I. & G. N. R. R. or address

selves for it. They, in the meantime, appreciate and feel grateful for every cent given from without. Yes, sir, you may calculate on it the Methodists are just as sure to certain they have begun it. The men at the head of it are not such as cower at small things.

In the meantime let me exhort all to stand to them and give your aid when called on. Be encourag- S'pose you'er out o' every dimeed! Friends in and out of Crock- Gittin' broke ain't any crime; . ett are with you. Col. Burnett, of Tell the world you'er feelin' fine-Galveston, through the efficient agency of Mrs. A. H. Weoters has handed us his check for three hundred dollars. Thanks to him and her. If an outside party will help See the wild birds on the wing, to such an extent, surely those of | Hear the bells that sweetly ring, us more nearly interested should When you feel like singin' singcome to the front and do our utmost.

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world equal to Chamberlain's my farm placed in the keeping of Cough Remedy for the cure of some jailer where I can get them. throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: 'I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."-EDGER W. WHITEMORE, Editor Grand River (Ky.) Herald. For Sale at B. F. Chamberlain's drug

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Keep A-Goln'! If you strike a thorn, or rose,

Keep a-goin'! If it bails or if it snows, Keep a-goin'!

"Taint no use to sit and whine When the fish ain't on your line; Bait your hook and keep a-trying-Keep a-goin'!

When the weather kills your crop, Keep a-goin'!

When you tumble from the top, Keep a-goin'! Keep a-goin'!

When it looks like all is up,

Feep a-goin'! Drain the sweetness from the cup. Keep a-goin'!

Keep a-goin'!

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## STATEMEN

## HOUSTON COUNTY.

To the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Houston County:

GENTLEMEN:-Herewith by your request I beg to hand you financial statement of Houston county for the year ending November 22, 1897, showing the receipts and disbursements for the past year, together with an approximate value of the present tax roll, and the manner in which the money is applied when collected, with the following recommendations: That we dispense with buying lumber and building bridges only to a limited extent, the county being well supplied with good substantial bridges built in 1896 and 1897, under five years guarantee. The expenditure for two years bridge building being paid out of last year's "bridge fund," making it excessive. This demand having been supplied, new bridges will not be needed again for several years.

The new law passed by the last legislature, requiring extra supply of new books and stationery from publishing houses, created a new expenditure, and this demand being complied with, the supply is sufficient to last for several years yet; and along with this publication I would especially recommend rigid economy in every practical way to avoid extravagance and useless expenditures, and the adoption of a real genuine reform for the security of our county affairs.

### COUNTY FUND.

To amount received from collector  To unpaid script registered  By amount transferred to jury fund  By amount paid current expenses  By amount paid riding bailiff (grand jury)  By amount paid holding hog law elections and amendment  By amount paid tax assessor (Clinton)  By balance (script registered)	5,955.40	\$ 449.61 6,188.13 487.66 330.00 177.35 5,955.40
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COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.		RECAPITULATION.
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## Total court cost cost for the year ......

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By balance due court house and jail fund.....

### ASSETS-PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

For lands sold:

Ine note Allen & Williams due Apr. 4, 1893. \$2,060 V. Fant due May 26, 1892	1
" balance due June 24, 1897 350	8 , 6,4
Outside bonds:	
5 Brown county bonds (\$1.000) less coupon \$840\$12,600	
\$840\$12,600 Harrison county bonds (\$500)less coupon \$430 2,580	
Kent county bonds \$1000 5,000	20,18
Houston county bonds:	
1 court house bonds dated Sept. 15, 1893 \$11,000	
road and bridge bonds dated Sept. 15, 1893 6,000	
3 road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 18, 1894 3,000	
3 road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 14, 1895 3,000	
road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 14, 1896 4,000	
7 funding bonds dated Aug. 14, 1896 7,000	
1 road and bridge bonds dated Nov. 14, 1896 . 1,288	
1 road and bridge bond dated Oct. 2, 1897 500	
1 road and bridge bond dated Nov. 9, 1897 1,000	36,7
Total permanent school fund	\$63,3
Standing indebtedness of Houston county 36,788  Due available school fund 1 yr on \$34,489 2,069.28	
Indebtedness	

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HOUSTON COUNTY	TAX ROLL FOR 1897.
Total value of property	\$3,037,115.00
Advalorum Rate of State tax @ Rate of State school	20)

Total		23,68
School poll tax		7,73
County poll tax		1,28
Lovelady district tax (school)		30
State tax @ 20c \$ 6,074.23 )		
State school tax @ 18c 5,466.81 County tax @ 40c 12,148.46 \\$23,689.5	0	
School poll tax $\frac{1}{3}$ to state tax \$ 2,577.50 } School poll tax $\frac{3}{3}$ to state poll tax. 5,155.00 $\frac{1}{3}$ \$ 7,732.5		
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County poll tax	\$ 1,288.75 300.80	
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State school tax for Houston county schools	5,466.81	Ī

T	otal	tax	to be	paid	trict tax
	66	4.6	66	46	H. co. schools 10,621.81
	44	44	. 66		L'lady schools 300.80
	44	44	4.6	- 66	the county 13,437.21

		tne	county	10,401.21
			Short Share of the Co	\$33,011.55
			RESOUR	CES.

300.00 Total county tax.....

Total occupation tax (cou	nty average) to jury fund	1,250.
	tax to be collected for county	
		***

Average-net	tax	for	the county	 
to be collected fro		77.	ROXIMATE.	

(for tax roll)	13,437.21	
To am't to be collected from tax collector —occupation (average)	1,250.00	
To am't as collected from fines (road and bridge fund)		
To am't as collected from estrays, fees, etc. (jury fund)		
To balance average annual deficit	4,899.82	
By amount actually expended for the year By average delinquent tax due (for county only)		\$22,7

\$24,250.70 \$24,250.70 By average annual deficit shown.... Respestfully submitted. E. Winfree, County Judge,

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> R.-Improved 160 acres, J. W. Harvey Hr., 13 miles south-west from Crockett.-Improved. Good farm.

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ing land. 200 acres, J. B. Hallmark Hr., 10 32.50 miles east from Crocketton White Rock creek. Good improvement and about 75 acres open land and some very fine

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south-west from Crockett .- Post oak, black jack and hickory timber. 320 acres, F. M. McNeil Hr., 8 miles orth from Crockett .- Hickory, black

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miles east from Crockett. Good farming land.

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

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

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Below we will give you a list of prices and we will guarantee there is not one article listed in this ad but what is worth more money than we ask for it.

### DRESS GOODS.

Since our last advertisement first appeared we have made a grand confident that with the low price out lot. we have made and with the rapidity they have been moving that by the 24th day of December there our shelves.

CAPES AND WRAPS.

Ladies, we have just received a shipment of 249 capes. This sounds extremely large and it is large. They were bought for nearly half the money that they could McConnell's. have been bought for 30 days ago and listen at the price they must be sold:

One lot of Fine Silk Plush Capes, handsomely braided and beaded and trimmed all around collar and down front on bothsides with long black curly Thibet, never sold for less than \$4.50 and \$5.00, our holiday price \$3.29.

One lot of ladies' extra fine Silk Plush Capes elaborately trimmed and worth \$6.50, our holiday price

One lot of ladies' Black Beaver Capes trimmed with black fur, holiday price 69c.

One let of ladies' Dark Gray Capes handsomely trimmed with fur and braid, holiday price 84c.

One lot of ladies' Brown and Black Capes nicely beaded and braided, holiday price \$2.24.

We also have an elegant line of Black Beaver Capes ranging in price from 99c to \$2.50 each.

### LADIES' JACKETS.

One lot of Jackets to close out- at 15c. no price given on them, but we Mens' Overshirts, very good, at will let them go for less than the 15c.

material cost to make.

LADIES' SHAWLS.

We also have about one dozen record on dress goods, and we are All Wool Shawls at price to close

### FEATHER BOAS.

Our \$2.50 White and Black will not be one fine pattern left on Feather Boas we will close at \$1.19 each.

### BOYS' CLOTHING.

The grandest and greatest bargains under the sun are now being offered in clothing at W. V.

1 lot of boys' Knee Suits at 35c. 1 lot of boys' Knee Suns, heavy goods at 50c.

1 lot of boys' Knee Suits, splendid value at 65c.

One lot of boys' Knee Suits, better goods at 75c.

1 lot of boys' Square Cut, Double Breasted Suits, two rows of buttons and two sets of button holes, worth \$1.50, holiday prices 99c. YOUTHS' SUITS.

One lot of youths' School Suits

consisting of coat, vest and long pants. We cold them this fall at 43c. \$2.50, holiday price \$1.99. One lot of boys' Odd Vests 29c.

MENS' SUITS. One lot of mens' Fine Black French Back Worsted Suits, French make, sold at \$10.00, holiday price

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS. Mens' Heavy White Merino Undershirts at 15c.

Mens' Cotton Flannel Drawers

Mens' Plaid Jumpers with pock

Mens' Heavy Merino Undershirts with fancy knit neck band at 24c. Mens' Sweaters at 24c.

Mens' Fine Black Sweaters at Mens' Suspenders, bright and fancy patterns at 9c.

Mens' Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, new designs at 24c. Mens' Colored Bordered Hand-

kerchiefs at 3c. Mens' Nice White Handkerchiefs at 4c.

Mens' Fine White Handkerchiefs with a hem stich one inch wide at 5c.

Mens' Black & Hose, stainless, at

Mens' Black 1 Hose, seamless and stainless at 7c. Mens' Black & Hose, solid knit | 5c.

seamless and stainless at 8c. Mens' Cashmere Wool Hose, nice goods at 19c.

## LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, winter goods at 15c. Ladies' Heavy Union Suits at

Ladies' Nice Union Suits, best make at 99c. Ladies' Black Wool Hose, ribbed

at 20c. Ladies' Extra Heavy Wool Hose

Childrens' Union Suits at 24c.

### SHOES, SHOES.

One lot of 72 pairs of Mens' Stanley Congress Shoes, Sunday styles at \$1.00.

One lot of 72 pairs of Ladies' to 8 at 85c.

One lot of Baby Shoes, sizes 1 and 2 at 10c. One lot of Mens' \$1.00 Plow

### NOTIONS. NOTIONS

Shoes for 75c.

Two good cedar lead pencils for 1c. 1 good rubber tip lead pencil for 1c. 1 paper good pins for 1c. I good bright thimble for 1c. 1 ladies' col'd border handkerchief for 1c. 3 rolls of best steel harrpins for 1c. 14 best brass pants' buttons for 1c. Good Ricter French lamp shade paper with framesharp 3c. Best quality white wove this is something that is both serhigh cut envelopes, 25 in a pack at vicable and nice and would be an 21c. 24 sheets first-class note pa ornament to any home. Get some per (for ink) for 4c. 1 good car- of this goods, make it up and make penter's lead pencil for 2c. 6 doz some of your friends a useful and hooks and eves for 5c. 1 doz best ornamental present. hooks and eyes that are made for 5c. 1 boys' iron handle knife for

### NOW FOR XMAS.

combed edge at 24c doz. 10 doz distinguish these hats from others, fine white linen Doilies combed because of their artistic fluish edge 49c doz. Extra fine and white which stamps them "Findesiecle." linen Doilies combed edge 74c duz. We have some lovely patterns in fine linen Damask for table use. Give us a trial.

### NOTICE THIS LOT.

One lot of very fine white fleeced Australian wool blankets, former price \$9.45, our holiday price is \$6.59. Come and take a good look at this blanket; you will appreciate it. 1 lot of extra heavy and extra wide medicated all wool flannel-recomended by the best in sight and that it won't be a diapering, wider, at 8c.

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In looking around for a hat don't. forget to see our line in John B. Stetson's best goods, also remember our nice and nobby line of fine silk handkerchiefs for the holiday trade. Also a lovely line of neck wear and shirts.

### ATTENTION LADIES.

Come and see our lovely line of

### MILLINERY.

Don't forget that we are turning out more fine bats this season than Twenty doz linen napkins ever before and it's no trouble to

### OUR LAST.

It may be that we will not appear before you with another ad this year, if we do not we want to thank you kindly from the very botton of our hearts for your goodness and kindness and more than this for the liberal patronage you have given us. We firmly believe that the dawning of better days is physicians as a preventative for great while before we will all be rheumatism, regular price 33c, our enjoying better times. Wishing holiday price 17c. 1 lot of birdeye you, one and all, both great and Spring Heel Shoes, sizes from 21 dispering at 7c. 1 lot of birdeye small, an enjoyable and happy Xmas, will say good bye.

VERY RESPECTFULLY.

## MCCON N EILL

Mrs. Thomas Self is on a visit to Whitewright.

Beaumount this week. Sporting goods a specialty this

Col. D. A. Nunn is on a trip to

season at Arledge & Kennedys'. The Red flour is sold by Arledge & Kennedy. None better.

Guns and ammunition at the lowest prices at Arledge & Kennedys' Douglass Crow of Henderson

Buck's cooking and heating stoves sold at Arledge & Kenne-

dys'.

was in Crockett Monday and Tues-

Turner Durham who at one time lived in the eastern part of the county was in Crockett for a day or two this week. He lives now in Trinity county.

. . . The Cash Store being overstocked on Shoes and Clothing, cated the Widows' and Orphans' Will sell for the next 20 days at the big child of Henry Parker. reduction of 15 per cent on the dollar.

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Buy a sack of WHITE WAVE flour, the acme of perfection at Daniel & Burton's.

Arledge & Kennedy have a large stock of canned goods at Galveston prices by the case. The Grand Lodge of Masons lo-

home at Ft. Worth.

Dr. J. L. Lipscomb was called to Lovelady Monday to see the sick

beginning in January.

You will find a good stock of tinware at Arledge & Kennedy.

Clem Jacobs, brother-in-law to visit to the latter this week.

Just received at Daniel & Burton's a car of the celebrated WHITE WAVE flour, the best on earth.

Bailey Hatchel is erecting a market house on a lot purchased from Dr. J. A. Corley near to and east of Capitol Hotel building.

S. H. Rook, T. M. Buller, J. B. W. C. Dickey and J. J. Bynum.

A large crowd will be present at the opera house this week to hear father and mother of Mrs. J. A. had been punished enough and -"The Cavalier and the Cracker."

We notice a large number covered wagons passing through to be going west and southwest in the main.

It is not for the want of money that a person will read a paper for four or five years and never pay a cent for it. The trouble is the want of conscience.

Do come around and settle for your paper. Dont ask or want something for nothing by not settling for it. We need it badly, badly, BADLY, BADLY.

We had calls from quite a number of our friends the past week Among them we note C. Baber, J F. Rains, W. A. Walker, R. S. Hooks and E. M. Callier.

## Coming.

Quite a colony of Kentuckians from Nicholsville in that state will the Federal Grand Jury for term Texas. They write E. A. Nichols of this place that they will come to Crockett first and look at the country. They are from the tobacco Crockery, Glassware, Lamps and section of Kentucky and propose to go into that business here.

Joel Bennett, wanted on an in-Charles Long, has been on a short dictment for theft of cattle in the eastern part of the county, was arresterd in Trinty county by Sheriff Collins on Friday last on a telegram from Sheriff Waller. Sheriff Waller went down Monday and brought him up Monday night.

Notwithstanding hard times, a good deal of improvements is going on. Frank Craddock is building a handsome residence in west Crock-A pleasant call this week from ett, Joe Long in North Crockett and Mr. Williams in east Crockett near Womack, W. D. Steed, I. C. Wall, Hardin Bayne from whom he bought land.

R. B. Waller and wife, grand-Bill Arp in his celebrated lecture Bricker reached this county this we wrote the facts as we found week, the old gentleman coming them. The chances are that Hose overland in a wagon. His sou, will be pardoned in a short time. dudley Waller and wife, have also He has been confined in the penprobably locate on Dr. J. L. Lipscomb's place near town.

> The following colored persons have been put under bond for theft of incest as the facts warranted. of hogs the past week: Isaac Bailey, living near Paso, Cæsar Parker and son, George, living near Reed's Opening, Covey Watson, Andrew Watson and Addison Ross, living about three miles east of it a special favor if those, indebt-Crockett. The latter three are alleged to have stolen the hogs of Mac Hail.

> > Removal Sale.

From Dec. 18th. to 31st. 1897 we will sell entire stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver ware, china etc. at 10 per cent of net wholesale cost. We are going to move and all who act on the above sug-J. F. Rains has been drawn on leave on the twenty-first inst for to our new quarters about Janu- gestion will be remembered with ary 20th. Consequently we want to have as few goods moved as possible. Stock fresh.

Man for business. R. C. STOKES

C. B. Moore of Lovelady was a pleasant caller at the Courier office Thursday morning.

Daniel & Burton have bought out the Mangum stock of groceries at a low figure and are now offering the entire line, fresh and fine, for less than such goods were offered before.

We received a letter from a prominent state official this week making inquiry as to public sentiment here touching the application of Hose Durret for pardon. After diligent inquiry within the limited time we discovered that nearly all we talked with thought that he town nearly every day. They seem moved to this county where they itentiary twelve years or more and will live in the future. They are it would seem that that period of from Morris county. They will confinement is long enough. And we are informed that his conviction was wrong anyhow, he having been convicted for rape instead

## NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

On account of recent losses, and embarassments resulting therefrom, the undersigned will esteem ed to him individually, or to the W. H. Bayne, Thomas Bayne and Courier for subscription, advertising or job-work, will come forward and settle all claims. Just now, under existing circumstances, a small sum will count for double its nominal value with him grateful appreciation. Kindly act on the above and greatly Yours Truly oblige.

W. B. PAGE.

## COURIER.

PAGE, Editor

### NEARLY TIME

Along about the first of April the spirit of office-seeking will be abroad in the land. Numerous and solicitous will be the inquiries after the welfare of each sovereign's family and many and sorrowful will be the regrets over the illhealth of this and that one. Handshaking, shoulder-clapping and "will-you-have-something" will be seen and heard on every corner and at every turn. Our sympathies go out to the boys in the trenches for we have been along there who want the minister rethere and suffered all they have to suffer and done all they will have to do. Biennial elections are unspeakable nuisances to the people and especially so to the boys who have hardly got a good taste in their mouths before they begin to feel that may-be-so they will have to spit it out. And awfully hard those in the audience. The minjob it is to spit out the taste of office-holding, once it has been acquired. We see a painful illustration of this in the desire of members of the Twenty-fifth or last legislature to return to Austin. One would have thought that if there were a class of place-holders whose taste for office-holding might have been easily expectorated, it was those who constituted the long-to-be-remembered and never-to-be-forgotton conventicle of sages who met at Austin in January last and held on till the corn was hard on the ear and candidates having expressed one's corns, to plant potatoes, to the cotton-field almost a savanna themselves as being in favor kill pork to dig fish bait etc. Or of whiteness. And yet with them of a primary election to deter- may be so it is a cultivator and and others that pruriency for sit- mine the choice of the people for those selling it pledge themselves ting down in some voluptuous, senator, governor, congressman that land in which it is used never soft snap of public trust is para- and other district offices, there is needs a fertilizer, that the crop will mount, predominant. What a no good reason why this method grow without work and the weeds CROCKETT, pity that there are not enough of of eliciting an expression of the and grass avaunt as things which these places for all wanting them. people's wishes and choice should recognize their master. And if it And when once installed, to think not adopted. The primary for is not those it is something else. of the heartless cruelty and inhu- these offices can be held separately And it is the farmer's credulity manity of republican polities from that for county officials or it which induces them to fall into which make it necessary every might be had at the same time those hidden pittalls. But the day two years for all the "ins" to without inconvenience. Let the of reckoning comes. The son goes stand up in a breath-taking con- people come forward at the pri- to the post office and fetches a lettest with the whole field of "outs"! mary and vote for whom they ter and in it is a notice that "we Happy, thrice so, is the man want for governor, senator, con- hold your note for collection, due whose taste has never been defiled gressman etc and then let the ex- on such a day, please call and setand embittered by official holdings pression thus voiced be held, con- tle." Then the trouble begins. and into whose heart has never sidered and acted on as the sacred There has been a drouth and the stolen the yearning to serve the instructions of the democratic crop is a failure or it is not worth public in the capacity of a place- masses to their delegates in con- anything or some misfortune has holder!

ty will read and observe with what more general expression than by in the children's play-house and promptness and vigor Attorney the primary election method as the patent churn is a receptacle General Crane caused the Inter- suggested above. We are con- for soft-soap and thus it goes. But national and Great Northern rail- fident that the democratic voters that note for fifty or sixty or sevenroad to come into court and plead of Houston county will be willing ty dollars is full of life and vigor charge of discrimination in favor precinct convention system here- you bet, and must be met. Now, of Frank Smith, Smith & Jones tofore practiced in this county. and the National oil mill of Houston. The I. & G. N. gave Frank When you read this paragraph, will not go down on my head." Smith and his partner a special, ask yourself if you owe the Coulower rate than was given others RIER office for the paper. And if on cotton seed meal and hulls. you do, then ask yourself the fur-Attorney General Crane got on to ther question-'How would you the bayou there is located a onethis piece of favoritism. He sum- like to be done by as you are do- eyed and one-armed faith and moned the railroad into court and ing the Courier'! We can't do magic doctor-a colored individual gave it the choice of pleading guil- all that we are doing for nothing with an infusion of Indian blood. ty and paying the lowest penaly or and yet by not calling and settling We hear that great crowds have fighting the case and paying the you force us to do it. The year is been flocking to him to be treated highest. The road pleaded guil- nearly gone and we have not collect- for rheumatism and other afflicty to giving Smith and others a ed as much as \$100 on subscription. tions. Sheriff Waller received a special rate in violation of law in How can you ask us to send you capias for him this week from Madroad paid ten thousand dollars for in some instances, year after year he was arrested was for writing a to do so any more. Some of Sayers' Think of this and then ask your- ble in which he attempted to exfriends will try to belittle such self if it is right and just to do it. tort money. Deputy Sheriff Hale

The democratic masses, howmake him governor. tine, Texas.

Hon W. J. Bryan is receiving on his trip in Mexico such an ovation as would be accorded a triumphant and there is hardly a month here on his return from a victorious in the year and never a year

A person can get into the habit of holding office until he can't hold anything else. This is true of many who now represent Texas it has the attraction of being

THE Methodist minister Washington in charge of the church which President McKinley attends criticised in his Thanks giving day's devotions the cold, unfriendly policy of the administration toward Cuba. And, now, there are some fool Methodists up moved because he wasn't obsequious enough to pander to the feeling of Mr. McKinley. Such conduet on the part of these members is simply disgusting. We say, "Bravo," to the man who had the courage to utter his honest senti-

ments, however at variance with ister is entitled to his opinions on the policy of this government towards Cuba as much as Mr. Mc-Kinley. He spoke his candid convictions and if they were as represented they were good and sound. Mr. McKinley's policy deserved criticism for it is one of deception and sham-not friendly and not representative of the sentiments of the great people whom Mr. McKinley was elected to represent.

JUDGE REAGAN, Governor Culles, the signs of the zodiac, the berson, Senator Mills and other phase of the moon in which to trim vention and their representatives overtaken the family. The cultiin the legislative hall. We know vator is decorating some fence-The democrats of Houston Coun- of no way of reaching a fairer and corner, the clock is doing service "guilty or not" guilty to the to try this plan in place of the and kicking like a Spanish mule

as many as twenty cases. The the paper month after month, and, ison county. The charge on which such privilege and promi ed not and yet pay nothing for all this? letter to a Madison county constawork on the part of Mr. Crane. HOLIDAY EXCURSION TO

ever, will know how to look at | On December 21st, and 22nd, ries about the mass of people that such proceedings and will appre- the I. & G. N. R. R. will sell popu- crowd to see him every day. Bud clate it. They will conclude too lar rate excursion tickets to Mexi- says that the number that go to see that a man who can conduct the co City and Monterey. For par- and be treated by this Indian docattorney general's office with such ticulars, call on nearest Ticket tor will average seventy to eighty distinguished credit will make a Agent, I. & G. N. R. R. or address every day in the week. From acgood governor and will vote to D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., Pales- counts the number which Bud re-

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There are agents and agencies that the county isn't being canvassed from its center to its periphery. If it is not one thing, it is another and it matters not what they may be offering for sale, if sold on time or credit, there is no trouble to sell—the trouble comes when the farmer is notified that his note is held by the bank for cellection and must be paid. Will our agricultural friends never learn that it is just such extravagance as they indulge in in purchasing every piece of new machinery or cooking stove or cultivator or clock Center Tables or churn or baby buggy or lightning rod or something of the kind that is largely responsible for keeping them weighted down and im Offe poverished. They ought not to be taken in by the alluring importunities of getting such things on ercredit. The inexorable day will surely come when the farmer's note is going to mature and then the trouble begins. At present prices of cotton it will take two bales almost to buy on time a new patent churn dasher warranted to turn blue-john milk into cream and make a pound of butter to every half gallon, or to buy a clock which every agent swears will not lose five seconds in five years, will show the hour of the day, the day of the month, the month of the year, the precession of the equinoxhow many of you farmers who read this, can say "that cap

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