## ©ly $\mathfrak{C r a c h e t t} \mathfrak{C o m i e r}$.

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War Reminiscences.

As before stated, we were bring Mng up the rear of the army and o upon the enemy's pickets, as Gen.
Franklin had landed some troops at Elthem's landing in the attemp to cut off our retreat and captur the baggage train. These picket 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 shot were quickly returned iy the th and Gen. Hood ordered the men
to move up. This they quickly did and formed a line of battie on the crest of a hill over-looking deld, at the far side of which could six hundred yards distant, Gen Hood threw out company B of 4 th Texas as skirmishers. The descent of the hill being somewhat precipitous, the men began firing from the top and bere killed three men, the first we ever saw killed in batthe, and be it said to the credit o
company $B$ that they killed them fully six hundred yards with En field rifes, charging down the hilt driving the enemy into the wood where they kept up a running fire. Company after company were or dered to support these skirmisher gone to the front. The enemy made a stand behind an old mal dam, when a hot fight ensued This was of short duration as many of their guns, fniling to fire, they While following these the lst plo toon of company $B$ came upon the enemy ngnin, strongly fortified be bind a stockado. Gea. Hood ordered Lieut. Walskl to charge the position, promising support. Just charge, the second platoon of company B appeared on the left of the enemy, and commenced an enfelad ing fire. It was too much for the foe. They fled in disorder an confusion. In thsir wild fligh they ran into the 5th Texas lying down in line of battle, who poure into them one volley which almost
annihilated them. While these stirring events were transpiring here the 1st, 5th and - re mainder of the 4th moved into po $f$ the then engaged forces ing the 18 th Georgin to the infantry in the rear. The enemy exidently not understanding the position, dispatched the 1s California regiment to the left, to turn the flank of the rebel lines. In this maneuver they encountered the 1st Texas formed in an old ood. 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 or dered them to fall back into the woods, kneel down and prepare $t$ soceve them. The enemy mistak ing this for a retreat rushed for-
or forty paces of our lines,
Col. Rainey ordered the Col. Rainey ordered the barer"" to unfurl the Lone Star hy way of parenthesis, and for a few minutes ensued Volley after volley was give which was promptly returned hy he enemy, who with dogged ohhothing was gained by this, Col. Rainey, exultant over the heroic at chivalrous valor and fired with that chivarious valor for which he
was well noted, ordered his men ""charge 'em, boys, charge m!" with a yell that has gon down in history. With an irre-
istible charge the 1st Texa prung from their cover and drov the enemy in wild confusion hair gun boats, some six hundre vards distant. So hot was the pur suit that the Texans were abou unning under the fire of the gun boats, when- Gen. Hood, seeng
their danger, rusbed up and or dered Col. Raniney to "Halt you d, but not until we were almost n sight of the boats, who, as if to venge the defeat of their com roadside into the woods with no effect, as their shots went high in he air. This ended our first bat de. We had in this engugemen soven hundred men, while the ene emy had eighteen hundred or two Blacks, Capt. Decatur and twent rivates killed and some thirty o orty wounded. The first Texas affered most as it had eleven kill. d and twenty-one wounded. The nemy's loss was three bundre ailed and wounded, and one hur reed and twenty-six taken prisoners, as shown by Gen. Hood's re
port. Gel. McLeanan reported loss of five hundred men and offic loss of tive hundred men and oftic
ers. The result of this fight wa very gratifying to Col. Rainey a e was very anxious to know ho Hood said: This affair which and unexpectedly under fire for the first time served as a happy droduction to the enemy." Pres Texas senator said, in speaking of the brigude: "They saved the rear of the army and the whole of ar baggage train." Gen. (̧us ave smuth, in a leter to Horaco kandle, paid them thls complian honors for themselves, thei Hood, anding." It is not my intention o write of battles or to give any ten, but as this wns our first enagement, I trust $I$ will be excus d this time; and while speaking of this one, I will give some of it cenes and incidents-and they are peculiar to the first. For instance the shuddering horror one feels at seeing his first dead man-all that is dreadful in the thought hat is drendful in the thought
alization of its presence, and alt
that makes one shrink from the grim monster-is suddenly thrust apon you. Douthly horrible from the ghastly appearance of the
dead; the sight is most appalling The heart sickens, the very soul shudders, and one cries out in an guish of spirit: "My God, is this war ?" But fortnnately you have cenes, and whatever sympathy or eeling one may have is soon los in the heat of battle or the excite ent of the charge. Yet 'mid al hese scenes of horror and death here are many things happening 0 interest and amuse the men. On this occasion while we were uner fire from the gunboats a sho pine of them cat off the top o pine tree behind which "Ike, Indian from Polk county, wh elonged to our regiment, wa hom who, not liking this warfare, with true Indian instinc gave a loud "Wagh! no good fo ndian," and took to his heels.

## The Tobacoo Businoss.

 In response to our invitation in wers to join and co-operate with company in the organization ofcompany and if which shall be the experiment aring of the tubacoco plant til this county, we have received assuracees from two of their readines 10 go into the work and give it ir and intelligent trial. It is im portant that the organization hould be perfected as soon as pos-
 ry steps to be taken before the
plantiug stace is reached. We teel
 forward and unite with us in this new enterprise and it is hoped that they will signify their willingnese to do so at once as we wish to get equipped for the business. Thisi growing to be a great industry in Eastern Texas and Houston couny should be willing and ready to keep fally up with her adjoining sister counties in this new field of experimentation. Those who are
nilling to go into the organization willing to go into the organization menedrately.
A Cutting sorap.
Marshal Bonner and Frank ing, both colored and brothers in-law, had trouble last Sunday
in which Bonner cut King serious which Boonner cot King serious
in the abdomen, the wound y in the abdomen, the wound
eaching the bollow. Bonner narried King's sister and had been engaged in a fight with her. King ndertook to separate them and rotect his sister when Bonner got out his knifētand made a swipe a King with the result above men oned. King is under treatmen y Dr. J. B. Smith and his condi tion is considered a precarious one.
Mrs Corry was taken quite ill last Snturday and it was feared at one time that she had pneumoni.
She is better at this writing

The public generally arm hereby arned not to purchase, urade anfic for any part or parts of tho same having been lost by me ग" nip this week to Groveton:
raft on Firet National Banls Crockett, Texas, for twenty dollars and some cente, drawn age and handed me withou Iranferer; one draft drawn by Galveston Dry Goods Company for
1.50 in favor of Geo. M. Waller. Iso two Houston county warran vonchers on treasurer of Honston county of date Novenber the
$10 \mathrm{th}, 1897$, numbered 2925 and 29 1Oth, 1897, numbered 2925 and 29 Waller or bearer for amounte state warrant ;on Stane deficien cy state warrant on State Treasur
er of Texas for $\$ 24$ payable to
en I. Waller, sheriff, and figned by ic Accuante, Comptroller of Pub ouse receipts for cotton, four of which were ipsued by Bennett \& Th. stall, Crocket Texas, to W.ll Rusb; one by Benone by A. M. Rencher to W. B Page named aboye to draft to sy Howard of Crockett to George or Harriet Ware. Beendes these there These papers inere lost on Mo day of this week. They were in red pocket-book mada by Geo. D. Barmard \& Co. of St. Louis. I will ward the inder thereof hiberally ar the return of this pooket book
th all fo contente
Grorge M. Waller.
Mondiay, Dec. 13, 1897

## Fat Hogs Get More Iir Troable.

 Joe Roden was in town Wednes ay for papers and an officer to ar est three negroes who stole some his hoge. Joe left home to hunt menogs that were running at arge ina certain piece of woode wit of the we was absent in pursill Reekless, Pars Coulter an Wm Johnson slipped into his range dear his home and by means of logs caught two of his. best meat ogs. He spotted the ones he nought guilty, accused them of it and ther owned up. This makeenine or ten darkies. ine or ten darkies who have gotweeks over fat hogs.
There are three thinge that wil not "homologate" in unctious freean und harmony and they are and a negro with more appetite than conscience.

## Hollday Exeurstons

Round trip tickets may also be t. Lo Kanens City, Hannitbal and St. Louis, Moo, Cairo, Ill., Memphie, Tenn., and New Orleans, La., mited 30 days for return, at rate of one fare for round trip. Dates of sale same as holiday excursion ates to southeastern poicits, whic Dee. 21, 22 and 23.
D. J. Price,

Cards are ont announcing the marriage on the 22 nd. 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 misfor tune 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 felicitation are with the happy couple to be.

There is a Parson Stamp in trouble down at Groveton for something "concerning the disappearance of a horse." He lay in jail for several weeks and was ad mitted to bail this week. If we mistake not thisis same person awhile and while there worked up great religious excitement by pro ciaiming 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 $o$ in a vision.

## Aisbamana Come.

O. Wednesday afternoon's 5 o'eluck rain about twenty men, women and children landed in Crueket! fom Alabama. There wera a hal he cruwd, of whom there were ight or ten men. They are bere to atay and in duve time will loeate in this county. They were, apparently, very desirable citrzens end all such will receive af generdus welcome to this county where they will find the people hoopitable, big. barted and open-banded, eager to icourage and help on all who try help themselven:

## A shooting Scrap.

Hyman Woods, col, living down the bayou, got into trouble hst Sunday with some one, the result being that a gun was drawn ad fired, the ball entering Hy man's head and making a. bad and gly wound. A runner came in iter surgical aid. Further pariculars can not be had at this writing, it not being known who did it nor the cause of it.
The new management on the $I$. G. N. seems to be cleaning out in the old employees and getting this policy from the General Offices to section fromemen. We understand that the old "stand by" on this road Pat Barry, has been let out The road will neyer have a better or more faithful employe than Pat has been and nothing but a policy of favoritism can justifiy such a hange.
Billy Steed was in town Wednesday with five bales of cotton which lke Daniel pronounced the pretlest cotton on the market this season, grading almost middling fair. son, grading alm
He got $4 \frac{1}{8}$ for it.

The reason people like to buy Drugs, Medicines, Sundries, Fine Writing paper and Tablots from L. H. Haring \& Co., or have them prepare thetr Prescription, is because they treat them right, as
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all cases Guaranter Satibfaction whatever you buy from ue.
L. H. нamime aco.

## A SLAUGHTER FOF DFCFIMPFR_

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

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

## Shoes.

All the shoe dealers admit that we sell shjes much
mean cheaper than they do. They car'tsee bow wo do it, and
they are anazed.
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98 . Direw Selby \& Co's. fne $* 3.50$ shoese reduced to Allo our fino kid button $\$ 225$ stooes reduced 10 o 81.75 . All our fine kiar buto 8150 thees reddeed to $\% 125$

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## Furnishings.


"umpers, 25 c kine lined 40 and 50 c kind for 25 c . white and gray fleeced under shirts 35 e quality, Men's gray kntt flaunel under shirte, 50 c quality, 35 c . white knit flannel, French neck qualk, piped ont, 75 c quality, 50 c .
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nd, 45 c .
Dresden and Persian pattern, 75 c
Men's laundried, white, all linen bosom shirts, 75 c ind, 40 c .
Men's un
Men's unlaundried, white shirts, all linen bosom reinIen's laundried negligee cheviot shirts, 65 c quality, 40 c Men's good drill drawers, 25 c grade, $12 \nmid \mathrm{c}$. Men's good drill drawers, stooknet anklets, 35 c kind, Men's good drill drawers, double seat reinforced rs, stayed, 50 c kind, 35 c . Men's unbleached Canton annel drawers with knit anklets, 450 . Men's bleached anton flannel drawers, double seat, 600 grade, 40 . Ir heavy, stocknet anklets, 50 c .
Men's black sox, warranted stainless, 5 c grade, 3 c
Men's French mixed seamless sox, 7 ,
Men's French mixed seamless sox, 7 ifc grade, 5 c .
Men's extra heayy seamless, and warranted stainless ox, 10 c grade, 8 fc . Men's double heel and toes, French mixed 12 jo black sox, 8 jo . Mens extra double heel and toe, would be cheap at $50 \mathrm{c}, 25 \mathrm{e}$. Men's good large sized
fancy bordered handkerchiefs, 5 c grade, 2łc. Men's
 god large sized, sast col bordered hand kerchier,
Men's good large sized hem stitehed handlerchiefs, 10 e grade, 5 e . Men's full length wire buckle suspenders, no sheep skin to sweat out, 10 c . Men's good. extra
heavy and strong wire buckled suspenders, 25 c kind, 15 c . Men's fine, faney, silk worked suspenders, 40 and
0 c kind, 25 c . Big job lot, men's $\$ 1.25, \$ 1.50$ and $\$ 200$ ats, all shapes, styles and colora, choice of entire 98 c . Big lot men's sample hate, all shapes styles and
oolors, ranging in value from $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 3.50$, bought for solors, ranging in value froun $\$ 2.00$
50 on $\$ 1.00$, choice of lot $\$ 1.50$.

## MOTIONS.

Best machine thread, 2 spools for 5 c. Basting thread Sne paper good needles 1c. One paper pins 1o. Darn. ing cotton, 2 balls 5 je . One card hook and eyes 3 c . One card niee buttons 2de. One cake fine cocoanut oil soap
2c. One ladies' handkerchief 2 c .

MANY THINK!
when the Creator said to woman,
"In sorrow shalt thou bring forth nounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother
when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary.
Danger and suffering lurk in Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant
Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be real
ized, in full vigor and strength.
MOTHER'S FRIEND
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trying hour is robbed of its pain and sufering, as so many happy
mothers have experin enced. Nothing but "Mouters fresede does thiss ond be deceived ofe


I. \& G. N. PLBADBD GULLTY

Violation of the Railroad Com. mission's Tariff Was Chargod.
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Crane is making a splendid rec cord as Attorney-General. He is
compelling the railroads to live up to the tariff of rates fixed by the commissoners and doing it with a command the admiration of bis Mr. Crane on this line is his overMr. Crane on this line is his over-
hauling of the I. \& G. N. . hauling of the I. \& G.N. Lor the
rebates it gave to Frank Smith of Crockett, to Smith and Jones, former of Crockett and the latter of Huntsville and to the National On
Mill of Houston. It will be seen Mill of Houston. It will be seen 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 Aational Oil Mill of Housrebates on meal and hulls for feeding from Houston to Crockett and, from Crockett and other points on the I. \& G. N. to lifuaston. It is not given out just how Mr. Crane got on to this information of the railroad's diecrmination bnt be got it nevertheless and forced the road to pay the penalty. The attorney
general filed twenty suits against the road tor the violation of the Commission bchedule. The I. \& G. N. pleaded guilty in each case hrough is allorney and paid the tal in the twenty cases agregation tal in the twenty cases aggregating
ten thousand dollars. Besides this, the road goes into court and promises not to violate the schedule of charges any more.

## From the Poot,

Austin, Texas, December 8-In he Fifty-third distriet court today Attorney General Crane filed twenby penalty suits againet the Internallonal and Great Northern railway, alleging violation of the rail-
road commission's tariffs and charging that the railway company had, on various and sundry occa sions, discriminated in favor of the
National Cotton Oil company and National Cotton Oil company and
T. F. Smith of Crockett and Jones \& Smith of Crockett, in the transportation of cotton seed

| The defendant, through its attor- | the large cushioned chairs of the |
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| ey, M. A. rteadman, pleaded guil | Contes botel lobby when approneh | ty and judgment for $\$ 500$ peralty as entered for the State in each

case, the aggregate nmount a asessed diately paid. As in the Southern Pacific cases the attorney qeneral ther charges against the defendant company provided it makes
no further nttempt to evado the by a reporter for The Star tae oight. He was, chatting with Heiry S. Julian, ex-chief of police.
ex-Governor Stotets close political x-Governor Stott's close politica
and permonal Kunsas City iriend. "You are on your way to Old "exico?", was arked.
replied $M_{r}$

## INTERNATIONAL\&GT. NORTHERN

Entered a Plea of Gulty and Deposited
Ten Thonsand Doliars in the

## Austun, Texas, Dec. 8-Attorney general Crane and General Attor ney Stedman closed their compro mise negotiations on the Inter

## bates today. The former filed

wenty suits against the road, a
leaing rebates or discrimination in rates on cotton seed and cotton eed hull shipments. All the ship. ents of seed were made to Housrly, Crockettt, Huntsville, Jack and the National Cotton Oil C
and of Houston was the shipper in all hese cares. The attorney genera seed from the various points named ull commiselon rates were charged,
while the National Cotton Oal Com. pany was getting the cut rates
The allegations contan statements giving the commission rate and th paid from 7 to 11 cents per 1 ponnds, against commission rate
of 9 to $17 \frac{1}{2}$ centa per 100 pouuds. One shipment is dated as late as yame margin is realized in favor of the oil company on shipments seed and bulls irom Houston back ud the road. All the cases were filed to-day and immediately the thorneys on both sides closed e affair.
Gsneral Attorney Stedman pleadguilty for the railroad. Judg The money to cover the judgmeni being $\$ 10,000$ in the aggregate, wenty fines at the minimuun 500 in each case, was paid 10 t court, the railroad giving acquitance and the clerk transferred who deposited it with the state reasurer
The rail
The railroad commission was no prebent, but agreed to the compromise: The compromise is exactly Pacific, all Other suits being held in abbeyance pending the proper bservance of the commission's ariffs by the road.
TO OLD MEXICO FOR A REST.
wa. j. bryan made a brief halz
in kansas city last nheht.
The Nebraskan Denied That Hi Visit to Mexico Would Be to Study the Operation of Fre Coinage-A Recepti
at the Coates.

Kannas city star,
Wliliam Jennings Bryan, wearing the same modest suit of black that adorned him ten days ago,
when be was last in Kansas City was in town again last pight on his way to Old Mexico, "by easy stages" as he expresses it, in order to study the conditions of a fee sill not repubic. Mr. Bryan will not admit thes as the object of his trip, but says with that coaranteristic smile that he is going to the sunny South, with Mrs. Bryan mply because he desires to hav Mr. Bryan was seated in one of

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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

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worth more, this beng 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 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 permiter $\$ 1,30$ yards Cal-
on or in our premises. Why to-day we are selling $11 \frac{1}{2}$ Ws of Ceffee for $\$ 1,30$ yards checks for $\$ 1,3$. ico 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. Oie thing we do and will continue to do-give every person as much or more for the dollar az any other firm in Houston or adjoining counties. We not only carry a large and com-
plete line of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Milli. ery, Clothing, Shnes, Hats, Furniture, ete., but we have on band plete line of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Milli, ery, Clothing, Shnes, Hats, Furniture, etc., but we have on bond
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 un 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' goods as possible. Our prices on goods the balance of this month will

## Discount Any Cost Sale

in Crocket. We bought our goods right. Every dollar's worth in our store is paid tor, So we do not have oo sacritice anything to sethe with our credib on January 1 , bat 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 interes

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NEEDS OF CROCKETT
It may be that many of our people have lived so long without imbibing any spirit of enterprise that they have become insensible. thet she could or should be It eyidents to any thinking man, that the small degree of energy display ed in the way of public improve ments in our town for the paet fow years must be placed to the credit of a comparatively faw individuale, and in no sense to any general public spirit among ou ctizens. It is slso evident, that with the resources at her command Crookett is not what she should be. She falls far short of the high possibilities that lio with in her reach. It is the purnose this article to call attention to fow of our delinquenctes in the tiope that some one may be induced to take the initiative in mee ing the needs of the situation. A town is simply ar agregation of individuals and, like a composit photograph, it represents the blend ed characteristics of the world. A of ite people, and ans the character of its people, and enables us to teasert in the genernl melfere. If coreat in the gomeral weilare. If Crookett needed a system of water Crooken he would probably wate works, he would probably reply very promptly in the aiflrmakive of hie cinital in arich an anterpris of his captal in such an enterprise promptnesa diedine. In this he promptness dedine. In this he
wrould exhibit a deficiency of Ipublic spirit. There is almost a un-
 Wi aronble to have them, but the
dificulty io inducing a sufficient
 cage in the enterprise. The Couas it has so often done in the pasi in the hope that someone may se his way clear to undertake th routine. We believe that it can be demonstrated, with mathematcal precision, that the difference be wreen the smount of premiums paid for insurance under the present conditions and the diminıshed amount needed to carry the sami amount of insurance with a goo ystem of waterworks, would pa the interest on the investment in Waterworks. Then why not back it? If both private interest and public spurit demand it, we repea why not have it?
Then we would, for the hundreth time, invite attention to th condition of our streets and side walks. There can be but one pinion as to their condition, and ihat is that they are dirty and unsightly. Our sidewalks have been jusily termed pig trails. No arta of our town areates ap ayporablo tor and the stranger in our mides Tach citizen should have an inter est in this matter of vital both to ourselves and our children Too many are content to tread the path their fathers trod, eve though that path be a pig trail. We enter, our solemn brole any such moss-backism and stagnation. We believe that beauty and art have their missions ta this sin-cursed world, and that is a mission of elevation and Rurope than a cycle of Cathay," If we would have our childran take agtep forward we must pave the way for it. The spirit of improve nent is contagious, and will like, "ehoes roll from soul to soul and
trow forever and forever." to Now it 18 sure that many of our
need sidewalks where now we have
none. It is futile to hope for voluntary concerted action on the part of property owners in the city Many are willing to draw in their Many are willing to draw in thei
fences and thus widen the streets while others will hold on to every hile others will hold on to every $y$ and unatincts of a leech. Ther is hope in but one direction. The sity council must move in this natter or it will never be accomplished. The city council is pre umed to reflleet public sentiment That they do not invaribly do is self evident. It simply remain for the people of Crockett to say whether they dewire to go forward or to remain stagoant It is in heir power to control this matter But some one raises his hands in horror and says that thrs means taxation, and for some the word Yes it means taxations of sheol Yes it means taxation, but tax The city now levies ax of extent five cents on the handred dollars worth of property. Fifty cents of this is to defray the current expenses of conducting our city schools. Twenty five cents is for the purpose of paying the interest and to create a sinking fund to extinguish the principal of our school house bonds. This sinking fund has been accumulating for six or seven years. It ought to be producing some revenue, and this tax of twenty five cents could with eafety be reduced to twenty cents, or perhaps even to fifteen sents, and a street tax be substituted for the reduction. Besides large revenue is now produced by the street tax paid in lieu of street work. The money con be had to do the work, and a system of gradual improvement, could eoon pro duce a traneformation in the ap;
pearance of our town. streets and sidewalks would be
followed by elegant flower yards many friende, especally an and beautiful fences, and sood our rose. Wh would blossom ad. the the refinement and elevation ourselves and our children cannot be estimated. Like light upon the sensitive plate in the camera, it would photograph itself upon the hearts and lives of our people, and would be ruffected in at thousand waysin the fature development of our city and people. There are other matters of improyement thas deserve attention, and we propose oo continue to direct attention to them from time to time, hoping hat our yery perseverance will ventually arouse the people of Crockett to a sense of this duty nd their own interest.
strong For Imboden
Hon. S. W. Blount, a prominent Augustine, being at the Hutchin House gesterday mixing with the brong of vistors from various parts of the state, was seen, and being asked for an expression on he pending politics and candidates, aid: "I am absolutely out of poltics so far as having any presen or prospective ambition for personal promotion-gone into retire ment, so to speak, with my firm opinions antagonıstic to the present democratic financial polieytho' I yet.train with the democrat-
ic organization and trust to stay ic organization and trust to stay
with the ship. And staying, work with the ship. And staying, work
for my frierds who are in accord for my friends who are in accord with the party.
As to governor? Well, I live in a section-where populists ar didate commends himself matt can didate commends himself most to us who is the finest campaigner Orane has established an unequaled reputstion and io my option will carry most of the territory 'thus afflicted,' though Sayers has

## many friends, es old Confederates.

$\therefore$ I think Colonel Blake bad no Hollowing in our section and no is withdrawal can not affect the esult.
I think Judge Reagan's age and Colonel Mills' straddle on the silver question will elect Governor CulEast Texas is sold for Colonel T. S. Garrison for State treasurer?

How about congress?
Well, I teel that I and posted on he outtook in our congressional district, and that Mr. Cooper is serving his last term-in fact, Cooper never has been the ideal congressman of the distriet nor the real democratic choice, but has managed to pull the nomination by cod luck and rivalries of otber candidates as between themselves. mboden of Chon of democracy, active and aggressive naw an against Cooper and being one the most brilhant, energetio on effective campaigners in the State and a young man tho has carved his way to the eminence he el ready occupies, from the bumblest walks in life, unsided excent by his own indomitable will and grea natural ability and being of the finest moral character, will, in my opinion, easily-defeat Coope and be our next congressman. Fact is, Cooper himself has al ready seen the handwrititug on the wall.' And after Imboden has been in congress two sessions all Texas will be proud of the position be 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 Bryan; but, for all that, he's a com ing man. You watch him.
Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crook ett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Ken nedy \& Co's Grocer Store.

| we have been selling for 15 c. or anything in our store, as down to one or two, or down to a few yards. .Then we close cost or value. No limit to prices on many things. The can be benefitted is to come and price these goods. You ething if you fail to do this.$\qquad$ MCLEAN \& MVILSON. |
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#### Abstract

\{vLOCAL NEWS.\}\% NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! On account of recent losses, and embarassments reşulting therefrom, the undersigned will esteem it a special favor if those, indebted to him individually, or to the Courier for subscription, adver tising or job-work, will come for ward and settle all claims. Jus now, under existing circumstances, a small sum will count for double its nominal value with him and all who act on the above suggestion will be remembered with grateful appreciation. Kindly act on the above and greatly oblige. Yours Truly W. B. Paoe.


Your attention is called to the nicest line of Candies ever brought to Crockett at Arledge and Kennedys'
Oysters, Oysters; Oysters, served in any style and at all hours at Franks'. One door east of Post Office.
Two hundred and fifty cases of fresh canned goods just received at Arledge \& Kennddys' to be sold at the ut prom
You will find a good stock of Crockery, Glassware, Lamps and
tinware at Arledge \& Kennedy.
Fresh home-made candies of al kinds and oysters at Gooday's.
Xmas is coming, get your fruit cake ingredients at Arledge \& cake ingre
Arledge \& Kennedy have a large atock of canned goods at Galveston prices by the case.

You can get for one dollar a day at the Aldrich House, such a meal for at the other hotels. Good rooms. Come and stop with Mr Coll.
Come round anc look at the neiv goodsin my shop-Cut.glass ware Noyelties of all kinds in Sterling dilver. Watch and Jewelry repair ing a specialty
A. Bricere \& Co.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been asing Chamberlain's Cough Remcroup, and says of it. "I find it just is good as you claim it to be baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it pryented nis having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

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 Craddock \& Co's and price ar see them.
I write this to let you know wha I would not do. I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm tle. It does all you recommend Wallaceville, Ga. Chamarlace Pain Balm is the best househuld linimest in the world and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back sprains and bruises. Be ready fo B F. Chamberlain'o drug btore B F. Cham berlain's drug store.

Communicatod. Crockett, Tex., Dee. 8, 1797. Mr. Editor:
It your last issue you asked what has become of the new church 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 lay it on the church yard. We owe notbing and have upwards of wo thousand dollars worth of material or will have as soon as our last kiln of brick is burnt. It how about ready to be fired.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Our people are } & \text { responding no- } \\ \text { bly to its claims. } & \text { Not one wbo is }\end{array}$ able, but has, so far, done his part elther in cash or its equivalant. People are doing nothing or nearly people are doing nothing or nearly nothing in the enterprise. Whether move is shown by the with the are putting in it Those who are are puting that our chureh 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 it he only knew how. Why will anyone do the like? It is passing strange that a citizen of the place would have any other than a hearty
andeyy for the consumation of the Crockett will be helped hy bnilding euch a etructure as we contemplate erecting. If anyone finds himself unwilling to aid, let him at least not get in the way of those who are willing. The Methodists of Crockett are consciuus of the tact that they will have the burden
to bear and they are nerving them-
selves for 1t. They, in the meantime, appreciate and feel gratef for eyery cent given from without. Yes, sir, you may calculate on it, the Mothodists are just as sure to complete this enterprise as it is certain they have begun it. The men at the head of it are not sucs as cower at small things.
In the meantime let me exhort all to stand to them and give your ad when called on. Be encourag ed! Friends in and out of CrockGalveston, you. Col. Burnelt, of Galveston, through the efficient agency of Mrs. A. H. Weoters has dred dollars. Thauks to him hand her. If an outside party will help to such an extent, surely those of os met an extent, surely those of as more nearly intereated should most.
A. S. Whiterurst, P. C.
There is no medicine in the
world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a act that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received I have tried Chamberlain's Cougb Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."Grand River (Ky.) Herald. For Sale at B. F. Ohamberlain's dru store.
holiday excursion to mexico.
On December 21st, and 22 nd, the I. \& G. N. R. R. will sell popular rate excursion tickets to Mexi Cily and Monterey. For parchlare, call on nearest Ticket D. J. Price, G. P. \& T. A., Palestine, Texis.

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fit hails or if it snows, Keep a-goin'।
Taint no use to sit and whine When the iith ain't on your line; Bait your hook and keep a-trying-
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Fittin' broke atn't any crime;
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Keep a-goin'! Frank L. Stanton
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Notice I will pay five dollars reward for all escaped convicts from my farm piaced in the keeping of some jailer where I can get them.
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## HOUSTON COUNTY.

To the Honorsble Commissioners' Court of Houston County: Gentusaes:-Herewith by your request I beg to hand you finaniel 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 uanner in which the money is applied when colilected, wing lumber and
lowing recommendations: That we dispense with buying building bridges only to a limited extent, the county being well supolied with good substantial bridges built in 1896 and 1892, under five years guarantee. The expenditure for two years bridge building be ing paid out of last year's "bridge fund," making it excessive. This demand having been supplied, new bridges will not be needed again for nezeral yeari

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

| To amount received from collector.......... \% 7,632.75 |  |
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| To unpaid seript registered |  |
| By amount transferred to jury fund | \$ 449. |
| By amount paid current expenses | 6,188.1 |
| By amount paid riding bailiff (grand jury) | 487.6 |
| By amount paid holding hog law elections and amendment | 330 |
| By amount paid tax assessor (Clinton) | 177.35 |
| By balance (script registered) | 5,955.40 |

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Total business for the year
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## ASSETS-PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

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2893. Outside bonds: 15 Brown co $\$ 840 \ldots \ldots$.... bonds ( $\$ 1.000$ ) less coupon $\$ 12,600$ $\begin{array}{llr}6 \text { Harrison eounty bonds ( } \$ 500 \text { ) less coupon } \$ 430 & 2,580 \\ 5 \text { Kent county bonds } \$ 1000\end{array}$ 5 Kent county bonds $\$ 10$ $\begin{array}{llll}11 \text { court house bonds dated Sept. } 15, & 1893 \ldots . . & \$ 11,000 \\ 6 \\ 3 \text { rood and bridge bonds dated Sept. } 15,1893 \ldots . . & 6,000 \\ 3 \text { road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 18, } & 1894 . & 3,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}6 \text { road and bridge bonds dated Sept. 15, } 1893 \ldots . & 6,000 \\ 3 \text { road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 18, } 1894 . . & 3,000 \\ 3 \text { road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 14, } & 1895 . . & 3,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { road and bridge bonds dated Aug. } \\ \text { funding bonds dated Aug. 14, } 14,1896 \ldots & 1896\end{array}, 18,000$

7,000 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { funding bonds dated Aug. 14, 1896, } \\ \text { road and bridge bonds dated Nov. 14, 1896 }\end{array}$ | 7,000 |
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Total permanent school fund.
Standing indebtedness of Houston county

## Indebtedness

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## Hot Prices in a Cold Month.

## Everybody Can Buy. They are Coming Our Way and They will Come Your Way if You Will Come Thís way.

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. <br> Since our lâst advertisement first appeared we bave made a grand record on dress goods, and we are confident that with the low price we have made and with the rapid. ity they have bren moving that by the 24th day bf December there will net be one fine pattern left on our shelves. <br> CAPES AND WRAPS. <br> Ladies, we have just received a shipment of 249 capes. This sounds extremely large and it is large. They were bought tor nearly half the money that they could have been bought for 30 days ago nd listen at the price they must be sold: <br> One lot of Fit.e Silk Plush Capes, bandsomely braided and beaded and trimmed all around collar and down front on both sides with long black curly Thibet, never muld for less than $\$ 4.5 \mathrm{~J}$ aud \$5.0 ${ }^{\mathbf{0}}$, our holiday price \$3. 29 . <br> One lot of ladies' extra tine Silk Plush Capes elaborately trimmed and worth $\$ 6.50$, our holiday price $\$ 4.19$. <br> One lot of ladies' Black Beaver Capes trimmed with black fur, bol. iday price 69 c . <br> One zot of ladies' Dark Gray Capes handsomely trimmed with fur and braid, holiday price 84c. <br> One lot of ladies Brown and Black Capes nicelv beaded and braided, holiday price $\$ 2.24$. <br> We also bave an elegant line of Black Beaver Capes ranging in price from 99 c to $\$ 2.50$ each. <br> LADIES' JACKETS. <br> One lot of Jackets to close outno price given on them, but we will let them go for less than the | material cost to make. <br> LADIES' SHAWLS. <br> Wealso have about one dozan All Wool Shawle at price to close out lot. <br> FEATHER BOAS. <br> Our $\$ 2.50$ White and Black Feather Boas we will close at $\$ 1.19$ eacb. <br> BOYS' CLOTHING. <br> The grandest and greatest bargains under the sun are now being offered in clothing at W . V. McConnell's. <br> 1 lot of boys' Knee suits at 35c. <br> 1 lot of boys' Knee Suln, beavy goods at 50 c . <br> 1 lot of boys' Knee suits, splendid value at 65 e. <br> One lot of boys' Knee Suits, better goods at 75 c . <br> 1 lot of boys' Square Cut, Double Breasted Suits, two rows of buttons and two sets of buttou holes, north $\$ 1.50$, holiday prices 99 c . <br> Youths' SuITs. <br> One lot of youths' Sehool Suits consisting of coat, vest and long pants. We eold them this fall at \$2.50, holiday price $\$ 1.99$. <br> One lot of boys' Odd Vests 29 c. <br> MENS' SUITS. <br> One lot of mens' Fine Black Frenth Back Worated Suits,F rench make, sold at $\$ 10.00$, boliday price \$7.39. <br> GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS. <br> Mens' Heavy White Merino Undershirtant 15 c . <br> Mens' Cotton Flannel Drawers at 15 c . <br> Mens' Overshirts, very good, at 15 c. | Mens' Plaid Jumpers with pock ${ }_{\text {d }}$ et at 15 c . <br> Mens' Heavy Merino Undershirts with fanev knit neek band at 24 c . <br> Mens' Sweaters at 24 c . <br> Mens' Fine Black Sweatera at 49c. <br> Mens' Suspenders, bright and fancy patterns at 9 c . <br> Mens' Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, new designs at 24 c . <br> Mens' Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs at 3c. <br> Mens' Nice White Handkerchiefs at 4c. <br> Mens' Fine White Handkerchiefs with'a hem stich one iluch wide at 5 c . <br> Meus' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, stainless, at 3c. <br> Mens' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, seamless and stainless at 7 c . <br> Mens' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, solid knit seamlees and stainless at 8 c . <br> Mens' Cashmere Wool Hose, nice goods at 19c. <br> LADIES' UNDERWEAR. <br> Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, winter goods at 15 c . <br> Ladies' Heavy Union Suits at 43 c . <br> Ladies' Nice Unio., Suits, best make at 99 c. <br> Ladies' Black Wool Huse, ribbed at 20 c . <br> Ladies' Extra Heavy Woul Hose at 25 c . <br> Childrens' Union Suits at 24 c . <br> SHOES. SHOES. <br> One lot of 72 pairs of Mens' Stanley Congress Shoes, Sunday styles at $\$ 1,00$. <br> One lot of 72 pairs of Ladies' Spring Heel Shoes, sizes from 2d to 8 at 85 c . | One lot of Baby Shoes, sizes 1 and 2 at 10 c . <br> One lot of Mens' \$1.c9 Plow Shees for 75 c . <br> NOTIONS. NOTIONS <br> Two good cedar lead pencils for 1c. 1 good rubber tip lead pencil for 1 c .1 paper good pins for 1 c . 1 good bright thimble for 1 c .1 ladies' col'd border handkerchiet for 1.c. 3 rolls of best steel harpins for 1c. 14 best brass pants' buttons tor 1c. Good Ricter French harp 3c. Best quality white wove high cut envelopes, 25 in a pack at $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. 24 sheets first-class note paper (for 1 nk ) for 4 c .1 good carpenter's lead pencil for 2 c . 6 doz hooks and eyes for 5 c . 1 doz best honks and eyes that are made for 5c. 1 boys' iron handle knife for 5 c . <br> NOW FOR XMAS. <br> Twenty doz linén napkins combed edge at 24 c doz. 10 doz fine white linen Doilies combed edge 49 c doz. Extra fine and white linen Doilies combed edge 74 c duz. We have some lovely patterns in fine linen Damask for table use. Give us a trial. <br> NOTICE THIS LOT. <br> 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 physicians as a preventative for rheumatiem, regular price 33 e , our holiday price 17 c . 1 lot of birdeye diapering at 7 c .1 lot of birdeye diapering, wider, at 8 c . | XMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN. <br> In looking around for a hat don't forget to see our line in John B. Stetson's best goods, aiso remember our nice and nobby line of fine silk handkerchiefs for the holiday trade. Also a lovely line of neck wear and shirts. <br> ATTENTION LADIES. <br> Come and see our lovely line of lamp shade paper with frawethis is sometbing that is buth sorvieable and nice and would. be an ornament to any home. Get some of thie goods, make 1t up and make some of your friends a useful and ornamental present. <br> MHLINERY. <br> Don't forget that we are turning out more five buts this season than ever before mod it'd me trouble to distinguish these hata irom others, because of their artustic fivish which stamps them "Findesiecle." <br> OUR LAST. <br> It may be that we will not appear before you with anothèr ad this year, if we de not we want to thank you kindly from the very botton of our hearts for your goodhess and kindness and more than this for the liberal patronage you have given us. We firmly believe that the dawning of better days is in sight and that it won't be a great while before we will all be enjoying better times. Wishing you, one and all, beth great and small, an enjovable and happy Xmas, will say good byo. |
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CiLOCAL NEWS.

## Mrs. Thomes Whitewright

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Beaumount thils week.
Sporting goods a specialty this season at Arledge \& Kennedys'.
The Red flour is sold by Arledge \& Kennedy. None better. Guns and ammunition at the low-
est prices at Arledge \& Kennedyss. est prices at Arledge \& Kennedys.
Douglaes Crow of Henderson was in Crockett Monday and Tues. day.
Buck's cooking and heating stoves sold at Arleulge $\&$ Kenne-
dys'.

Turner Durban who at one time lived in the eastern part of the county was in Crockett or a day Trinity county.


The Cash Store being overstocked on Shoes and Clothing. Will sell for the next 20 days at the big 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 located the Widows' and Orphans me
Dr. J. L. Lipscomb was called to
Lovelady. Monday to Lovelady. Monday to see the sick child of Henry Parker.
J. F. Rains has been drawn on beginning-1n. January.
You will find a good stock of Crookery, Glassware, Lámps an
tinware at Arledge \& Kennedy.

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 Charles Long, has been on a shor visit to the latter this week.Just received at Daniel \& BurWHITE WAVE flour, the best earth.
Bailey Hatchel is erecting a market house on a lot purchased from of Capitol Hotel building.
A pleasant call this week from S. H. Rook, T. M. Buller, J. B. Womack, W. D. Steed, I. C. Wal
W. C. Dickey and J. J. Bynum. A large crowd will be present a the opera house this week to hear
Bill Arp in his celebrated lecture -"The Cavalier and the Cracker.
We notice a large number of covered wagons passing through town nearly every day. They seem 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 yearquad 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 omething for nothing by not setling for it. We need it badly, badly, BADLY, BADLY.
We had calls from quite a number of oyr friends the past week. F. Rains, W. A. Walker, R. \&. Hooks and E. M. Callier.

Quite a colony of Kentultia from Nicholsville in that state will leave on the twenty-first inst for
Texas. They write E. A. Nichole of this place that they will come to
Crockett first and look at the coun-
try. They are from the tobsco
section of Kentucky and propose to
go into that business here.

Joel Bennett, wanted on an indictment for theft of cattle in the astern part of the county, was arresterd in Trinty county by Sheriff Collins on Friday last on a teleyram from Sheriff Waller. Sheriff Waller went down Mondav and rought him up Monday night. Notwithstanding hard times, a
good deal of improvements is guing good deal of improvements is going on. Frank Craddock is building a handsome residence in west CrockMr. Williams in east Crockett near Hardin Bayne from whom he bought land.
R. B. Waller and wife, grandather and mother of Mrs. J. A Bricker reached this county this week, the old gentleman comine verland in a wagon. His son, dudley Waller and wife, have also noved to this county where they will live in the future. They are from Morris county. They will probably locate on Dr. J. L. Lipscomb's place near town.
The following colored persons have been put under bond for theft of hogs the past week: Isaac Bailey, living near Paso, Cesar ParReed's Oprning, Covey Watson Andrew Watson and Addison Ross, living about three miles east of Crockett. The latter three are-alW. H. Bayne, Thomas Bayne and Mac Hail.
From Dee. 18th. to 81st. $\overline{\text { Remal }} 189$ we will sell entire stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver ware, chin etc. at 10 per cent of net whole sale cost. We are going to move to our new quarters about January 20th. Consequently we want to have as few goods moveã a Massible. Stock fresh. Man for business.
R. C. Stokes
C. B. Moore of Lovelady was a pleasant caller at the Courise ofce Thursday morning.
Daniel \& Burton' bave 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 gooda were offered before.
We received a letter from a prominent state official this week makng inquiry as to public sentiof Hose Durret for pardon. After diligent inquiry within the limited time we discovered that nearly all we talked with thought that he had been punished enough and ve wrote the facts as we found them. The chances are that Hose will be pardoned in a short time. He has been confined in the pententiary twelve years or more and it would seem that that period of confinement is long enough. And we are informed that his conviction was wrong anyhow, he having been convicted for rape instend $f$ incest as the facts warranted. NOTICE! NOTICEI NOTICE!

- On account of recent losses, and mbarassments resulting thererom, the undersigned will esteem a special favor if those, indebtd to him individually, or to the Courier for subscription, advertising or job-work, will come forward and settle all claims. Just ow, nnder existing circumstances, a small sum will count for double its nominal value with him nd all who act on the above. suggestion will be remembered with grateful appreciation, Kindly act on the above and greatly oblige.

Yours Truly
W. B, Paes,

## THE COURIER.

## NEARLY TIME

Along about the first of April the spirit of office-seeking will be and solicitous will be the ihquirie atter the welfare of each sorereign's family and many and sorrowful will be the regrets over the ill weaith of this and that-pue. Hand-"whill-yon, shoulder-clapping and wili-you-have-somethind" vill be and and heard on every corner and at every turn. Our sympatries go out to the boys in the there and suffered all they have 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 job it is to spit out the taste of of-rice-holding, once it has been acquired. We see a painful illustra-
tion of this in the desire of members of the Twenty-fifth or last iegislature to return to Austic One would have thought that i there were a class of place-holder whose taste for office-holding might have been easily expectorated, it was those who constituteat the long-to-be-remembered and never-to-be-forgotton conventicle of sages who met at Ausitin in January last and held on till the corn was hard on the ear and the cotton-field almost a savanna of whiteness. And yet with them and others that pruriency for sitsing down in some voluptuous, soft snap of public trust is paraaount, predominant. What pity that there are not enough of And when once all wanting them. And when once installed, to thirth of the heartiess cruelty and inhuwhich make it necessary polities which make it necessary every awo years for all the "ins" to test with the a breath-taking conHappy thrice so is "outs" Happy, thrice so, is the man and embittered by official holdings and embittered by official holdings stolen the yearning to serve the publio in the capacity of a place holder:


The democrats of Houston Counpromptness and General Crane caused the International and Great Northern railroad to come into court and plend "guilty or not" guilty to the of Frank Smith, Smith \& Jones and the National oil mill of Houston. The I. \& G. N. gave Frank Bmith and his partner a special, lower rate than was given others on cotion seed meal and hulls. Attorney General Crane got on to this piece of favoritism. He sumaroted the ratlroad into court and gaveit the choice of pleading guilty and paying the lowest penaly or fighting the case and paying the ty to giving Smith and others : special rate in violation of law in as many as twenty cases. The such privilege and promi ed not to do so any more. Some of Sayers friends will try to belittle such
work on the part of Mr. Crane. work on the part of Mr. Crane The democratic masses, howaver, will know how to look at chate it. They will conclude to
that a man who can conduct th thomen wio can concuct the

Hoi. W. J. Bryan is receiving in as would be accorded a triumphanà hero on hie
campaign.
A person can get into the habit f holding office until be can't hold anything else. This is true of many who now represent Texas in congress.
The Methodist minister at Washington in charge of the church which President MeKinley attends criticised in his Thanks giving day's devotions the cold, unfriendly policy of the adminis, tration toward Cuba. And, now there are some fool Methodists up there who want the minister removed because he wasn't obsequius enough to pander to the feeligg of Mr. MeKinley. Such coning of Mr. Mckinley. Such conis simply disgusting. We say, "Bravo," to the man who had the "Bravo," to the man who had the nent hower honest senti hense in the audienco The winister is the audienco The minthe policy of this government to wards Cuba as much as Mr. Mc Kinley. He spoke his candid con victions and if they, were as repreented they were good and sound. Mr:. MeKinley's policy deserved 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. McKirley was elected to represent.
Judee Reagan, Governor Culberson, Senator Mills and other anddates having expressed themselves, as being in favor of a primary election to deter mine the choice of the people for senator, governor, congressman and other district offices, there ao good reason why this metho of eliciting an expression of the people's wishes and choice should
not adopted. The primary for not adopted. The primary for from that for county officials or it might be had at the same time without inconvenience. Let th people come forward at the priwant for want for governor, senator, congression thus voiced be held, con pression thus voiced be held, considered and acted on as the sacred
instructions of the democratic instructions of the democratic
masses to their delegates in conmasses to their delegates in con
vention and their representative in the legislative hall. We know in the legislative hall. We know of no way of reaching a fairer and more general expression than by suggested above. We are con suggested above. We are con of Houston county will be willing to try this plan in place of the precinct convention system here tofore practiced in this county.

When you
kourself if you owe the Cou rier office for the paper. And if you do, then ask vourself the further question-'How would you like to be done by as you are doing the Courier'? We can't do and yet by not calling and settlin you force us to do it. The year i nearly gone and we havenot collected as much as 8100 on subscription. How can you ask us to send you the paper month after month, and, in some instances, year after yea and yet pay nothing for all this? Think of this and then ask your self if it is right and just to do it holiday ExGursion to On December 21st, and 22 nd the I. \& G. N. R. R. will sell popplar rate excursion tickets to Mexi-
co City and Monterey. For particulare, call on nearest Ticke Agent, I. \& G. N. R. R. or address
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tine, Texas.

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and there is hardly a month in the year and never a year that the county isn't being canransed from its center to it periphery. If it is not one thing, it 8 another and it matters bot wha hey may be offering for sale, i it has the attraction of belng sold on time or credit, there is no trouble to sell-the trouble comes when the farmer is notiffed that his note is held by the bank for ollection aud must be paid.
our agricultural friende neyer lea that it is just such extravagance a they indulge in in purchasing every prece of uew machinery or cooking stove or cultivator or clock or churu or baby buggy or lightning rod or something of the kın ang is largely responsible for keep hem weighted down and inoverished. They ought not to be aken on by the alluring imporcoredit. The ine sacable day will urely come when the farmer' onte is going to mature and the the trouble begins. At presen bales almost to buy on time a new patent churn dasher Warranted to turn blue-john milk into crean and mako a pound of butter to every half gallon, or to buy a clock
which every ageat swears will not lose five seconds in five vears, will show the hour of the day, the day
of the month, the month of the of the month, the month of th
year, the precession of the equinox es, the signs of the zodiac, th phase of the moon in which to trit one's corns, to plant potatoes,
kill pork, to dig fish bait etc. way be so it is a cultivator an those selling it pledge themselve that land in whick it is nsed never needs a fertilizer, that the crop will
grow withnut work and the weeds grow without work and the weed
and grass avaunt as things which cognize their master. And if it not those it is something else hich induces them toll in hose hidden pittalle. But the day reckoning comes. The son goe the post office and fetches a le hold your note for collection, due on such a dav, please cal, and set le." Then the trouble begins, here has been a drouth and the nvthing or some misfortune has anvertaken the family. The cultivertaken is decorating some fence orner, the clock is doiug eeryice the children's plav-house and e patent churn is a receptacle that note for fifty or sixty or seventy dollars is full of life and vigor and kicking like a Spanish mule you bet, and must be met. Now, how" many of you farmer will not go down on my head.'

## Flocking to be Uured.

On the Hall's Bluff road across the bayou there is located a oneyed and one-armed faith and ith an intusion of Indian bloo We hear that great crowds have oeen flocking to him to be treated ons. Sheriff Waller received apias for him this week fromjMadwas arg. The charge on whiting etter to a Madison county consta le in which he attempted to ex Iort money. Deputy Sheriff Hale
lox went down to serye the writ. On his return Bud told incredible stories about the mass of people that crowd to see him every day. Bud says that the number that go to see and be treated by this Indian docor will averaze seventy to eighty
very day in the week. From counte the number which Bud reports is not far wrong.

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