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RENEWAL OF DISCUSSION

Between Fall Term (1909) Grand Jury and the Commissioners' Court.

(TENTH INSTALLMENT.)

Editor Courier:

The reading public will recall how this controversy began and who began it. They remember that one of the Commissioners, prompted and urged by the leading member of the Court as we are informed, threw the first stone. The public will recall that we have not published a fact or made a charge that we didn't get from the official minutes of the Court. All this is preliminary to reminding the public of the stubborn, shining fact that we have urged and implored the County Commissioners all through this controversy to either refund the money which state and county officials have held they had no right to under the law or order the county attorney to bring suit to test their right to collect and hold it. Responding to an aroused public sentiment for a test suit the Court met on the 11th of March. At that session, after transacting other business, the matter of directing the county attorney to institute test suits came up. The Commissioners themselves as we understand it were in favor of the suits, as we were advised, or at least a majority. It was a matter of such magnitude as not to be treated with indifference or contempt for the handsome sum total of fully \$2500 or more was involved. The minutes of that meeting, like other important meetings, are very incomplete and unsatisfactory in that they do not show in detail the proceedings touching the matter of suits. They do not show who introduced the resolution to instruct the county attorney to institute the suits. They do not show who voted for the resolution and who voted against the resolution, all of which should appear in the minutes in a matter of such importance, but they do not. This may be an accident, but it looks very much like it was intentional and deliberate, the purpose being to cover up something and shield somebody. And the public will think so when they look at these minutes. They show the resolution, however, to order the suits and this is it:

RESOLUTION.

"On this the 11th day of March, A. D. 1910, it is ordered by the Court that the county attorney of this county is hereby fully authorized and empowered to bring such suits as he may deem necessary and proper against any of the members of this Court or their predecessors in office for the recovery of any of the road and bridge or other funds that has been paid to the members of this Court or any or either of them or to any or either of their predecessors in office for road service or any other service to which they or any or either of them may not have been legally entitled under the laws of this state. But this order is not intended to in any way waive any legal or equitable defense any party or parties so

sued may have in such suits."

WHO HIT BILLY PATTERSON?

The above resolution or order of the Commissioners Court put on their minutes at the March session according to these same minutes. The force and strength of the words "authorize and empower" may be noticed as present and the term "direct" as absent. We are not disposed to comment on or criticize the order on that score. We were so very much gratified and overjoyed at hearing that the Court had ordered a test suit of the matter that we waived or ignored such technical details—so pleased were we that the question was at last to be judicially considered and all criticism and contention put away. We have at no time believed that the Commissioners took all this money knowing they had no right to it. But inasmuch as their right to claim and collect this money had been called in question by state and county officials, then in justice to themselves, valuing and guarding their honor and integrity as upright citizens, they were the ones, primarily and pre-eminently the ones, to say: "If we under the law are not entitled to this money, we will not touch it, but since there is a question as to our legal right to it we will take it and order suits and let the Courts give the law the correct interpretation." That is what they should have done and after the session of the Court in March last that is what everybody understood had been done. But the gratification over the action of the Court on the 11th of March lasted but a short while. The county attorney, we understand, began work preliminary to instituting suits. He went to work on the official records of the Court, assembling facts and figures of use in the litigation. All at once somebody discovered that the scope of the order authorizing the suits was too broad and far-reaching, liable to be interpreted as applying to former administrations and calculated to stir up trouble where it was not intended. There might be dynamite wrapped up in that little bomb. The thing had a fuse to it at least and there was no telling just when it might go off or where. So another session of the Court was called to meet April 11, just 30 days since the order for suits was passed. The Court met on the 11th of April, Monday of last week. What happened at this meeting? Let us go to the minutes as we have done in every instance. What do we find? Nothing except the order rescinding the order to bring the suits. The minutes do not show who made the motion to rescind the former order, they do not show who voted to rescind and who voted against it, all of which should appear on these minutes that the people may know who is who and what is what. The people have a right to know all about the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court passing the order for suits and then passing an order undoing the former order. And it is to be hoped that the present Grand Jury will make an effort to penetrate the veil of mystery investing this matter and let the people know who it is block-

ing this procedure. We do not find on the minutes anything throwing any light on what was said or how any member of the Court voted. All we find is the resolution to rescind and stop the suits which County Attorney Adams had begun work on.

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND.

"That whereas in this Minute Book, page 340, of the Commissioners' Court in and for Houston county, Texas, there appears an order on the said page with this caption, 'Order for Suits,' and whereas the said order was made and entered on the said minutes in vacation by one individual member of the said Court after the adjournment of the Court on that day and done without the approval of this Court, it here now orders that the said order be and is hereby declared null and void and shall from this 13th day of April, A. D. 1910, be of no further force and effect."

And thus the good work for which we were disposed to applaud and commend the Court was all undone in a jiffy and nothing said. They give as a reason the flimsy pretext that it was done in vacation time. It was passed on one of the days (11th of March) the Court was in session and for which each one drew \$3.00. And if being passed in vacation time invalidated the order, it could have easily been validated by being passed in open session. Another very flimsy pretext for undoing the order for suits was that it was "made and entered by one member of the Court after adjournment." Well, it was an easy matter for the whole Court to pass the order while the Court was in session and thus save the order for the suits. As a matter of fact a session can be called at once and the order passed by the whole Court in open session and thus avoid the "vacation time excuse" and the "individual member excuse." Why not do that? It is not too late. But that is not what certain members of the Court want. What they want is no suits at all. Why can't the Court give the public a true, frank and full history of the proceedings ordering the suits and then cancelling the orders. The public don't want any jugglery about this matter. They want to know the facts about how these suits came to be ordered and then the order revoked; they want to know how each one of the Court stood on each proposition. They have a right to know and ought to know.

It is an extraordinary entry to find on the minutes of the Commissioners' Court—such as the public will see if they will take the trouble to walk over to the county clerk's office and inspect the minutes of the last two sessions of the Court. You can't find such entries of the proceedings of the Court in any part of the minutes for twenty years past.

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CENSUS NOW BEING TAKEN.

A Full Count is Important—The Population of the City of Crockett.

To the People of the City of Crockett:

I take this method of informing you that the census enumerators are now busy at work taking the census of the population of your city and that it is very important that they have the benefit of your hearty cooperation and assistance in the work which they have undertaken.

I feel justified in the assumption that all of you are deeply interested in a thorough and complete census of your city, and that you very naturally and for reasons of local pride desire that its population shall show a marked increase over the census of 1900 in order that it may take its proper place among the other cities and towns of Texas.

For my part, I am especially anxious that every living human being who existed within your city limits on April 15, 1910, shall be found by the enumerators and properly enrolled as a part of your population. This, however, is practically impossible unless you render to the enumerators every assistance in your power, not only in the matter of answering all of the questions that the enumerators may propound to you, but also in the matter of helping them to find each and all of the people of all races and colors within the bounds of your city.

Therefore, I want to ask that all of you cheerfully and diligently render to the enumerators the assistance above referred to and

that you promptly report to them the names of any of your people whom you may know to be absent from your city or who are expected to be absent therefrom at any time between now and the 15th day of May, so that the proper steps may be taken to have their names placed upon the roll of your population. I assure you that your kindness in this matter will be deeply appreciated by me.

James W. Madden,
Census Supervisor.

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A Card.

To the voters of precinct No. 4, Houston county, Texas. To my friends and voters of this precinct: I beg leave to inform you that I am a farmer, and will be unable to make a house to house canvass, because of the fact I have a large crop to work and now is the time to be busy as every farmer knows. Having but one time to make a crop, behold, now is the accepted time. To make such a canvass would make it a necessity to abandon my growing crop which I am not financially able to do. I shall seek an opportunity to see my fellow voters as the year advances at stated times and gatherings. Feeling the importance of this office I promise my supporters if elected that I will give the office all due time and attention. In conclusion I beg to say that I am now in the hands of my friends and knowing the interests of the people I shall look after the same if elected. Having unshaken confidence in you I shall expect the nomination for commissioner of this precinct at the hands of my friends in July, 1910.

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(Advertisement.)

The Sound Sleep of Good Health.

The restorative power of good sleep can not be over estimated and any ailment that prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southers, Eau Claire, Wis., says: "For a long time I have been unable to sleep soundly nights, because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys. My appetite was very poor and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley's Kidney Pills but a short time and now sleep as sound as a rock. I eat and enjoy my meals, and my general condition is greatly improved. I can honestly recommend Foley's Kidney Pills as I know they cured me." Will McLean.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE.

Crockett People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are so unmistakable that they leave no ground for doubt. Sick kidneys excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back aches constantly, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighed down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger of dropsy, Bright's disease, or diabetes. Any one of these symptoms is warning enough to begin treating the kidneys at once. Delay often proves fatal.

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Alaskan Glaciers.

An interesting fact about Alaskan glaciers is that some are "dead" and others are "alive." Davidson glacier, which is really a tongue of the Muir glacier, has been ascended by travelers for a number of years. It is a dead glacier, having a moraine of several miles between it and the sea. Looking at it from the boat, it represents a kaleidoscopic appearance as the sun shines upon it, and the surface seems scratched with tiny pin lines. These are in reality deep crevices, which must be approached cautiously, for they are lurking pitfalls for the unwary.—Vancouver Providence.

Drink and Diplomacy.

Prince Bismarck once boasted that in his youth he drank a bottle of champagne at one draft from a "puzzle goblet so constructed that one could not bring it close to one's lips, yet one was not allowed to spill a drop. Not a single drop fell on my waistcoat. Every one was immensely surprised, but I said, 'Give me another.' Such tricks were formerly an indispensable part of the diplomats' trade. They drank the weaker vessels under the table, wormed all they wanted to know out of them and made them agree to things contrary to their instructions. When they got sober they could not imagine why they had acted so."

Desolate.

Lawyer—Am I to understand that your wife left your bed and board? Uncle Ephraim—Not 'xactly, boss. She dun tuk mah bed an' bo'd along wif her.—Fuck.

"Fight today's temptation as it comes" is good advice. And if it seems to be only trifling fight it the harder.

FOOLED HIS SUPERIOR.

An Astonished Pasha and a Lieutenant Who Won Promotion.

Kassim Pasha when minister of war for Egypt was very particular in regard to the personal appearance of his officers and issued stringent orders that they should never appear unshaven in public. One day he met upon the street a lieutenant who had bearded the pasha and disregarded his orders. "To what regiment do you belong?" demanded the indignant minister. "To the — regiment, at Abasseuh," replied the frightened lieutenant. "Get into my carriage at once so that I can carry you to the encampment and have you publicly punished," was the stern command which followed.

The young man obeyed, and the twain rode along gloomily enough for some time, when the pasha stopped his carriage and entered an office where he would be detained for some time on business. Seizing the opportunity, the culprit sprang from the vehicle, darted into a neighboring barber's stall and regained his post before the return of his jailer minus his beard. For the remainder of the route the officer buried his face in his hands and seemed the picture of apprehension.

Abasseuh was reached at last, and all the officers were assembled to witness the degradation of their comrade, who all the while kept well in the rear of his chief. "Come forward, you son of a dog!" cried the irate pasha, when there stepped before him an officer with a face as clean as a baby's and a look of the most supreme innocence. His excellency gave one look of blank astonishment and then, with an appreciative smile breaking over his war worn features, turned to the assembled officers and said, "Here, gentlemen, your old minister is a fool, and your young lieutenant is a captain."

A Man of Straw.

Many years ago in England men could easily be found to give any evidence upon oath that might be required, and some of these persons walked openly in Westminster hall with a straw in one of their shoes to signify they wanted employment as witnesses. This was the origin of the saying, "He is a man of straw." But the custom has high antiquity. A writer in the Quarterly Review says that such were common in Greece.

THE HOMEMAKER.

Man's Chivalry to the Fried Goddess of the Fireside.

As we men frequently admit, it is our chivalrous regard for woman which leads us to desire that she shall confine her wholly admirable energies to the making of our home and the keeping of our houses. She is tender and frail, and so we urge that she shall not for a moment drop her role as the goddess of the household. There is nothing that so rouses our almost sacred admiration as to see our own particular goddess with a dishrag in one hand and a frying pan in the other. Let us never desert this high ideal of womanhood and its lofty purpose in life.

Particularly let us not do so because if a woman does not keep the house it will not be kept. Would we men engineer and prepare 1,095 meals in one year? Would we wash dishes 1,095 times, wipe them 1,095 times, sew, darn, mend, devote our lives to a gray monotony of treadmill effort? Not on your life! Our chivalrous regard for adored woman would not permit it. And we would go crazy within six months if we tried. I know of nothing that we should cling to more closely than this chivalrous regard for our womankind. It saves the cost of many and many a hired girl.

I have penned this little tribute to man's chivalrous regard for woman because anybody can see that it deserves it. Woman, the housekeeper (and nothing else), the fried goddess of the fireside, the queen of her domestic domain, with a stewpan for a tiara and a stove hook for a scepter, let us together pledge her, while we register our chivalrous vow that we will keep her where she is unless we men need her as a stenographer or something else, in which event our chivalrous regard may stretch a few points.—California Monthly.

One on Him.

"Pardon me," said a gentleman at the entrance to a downtown restaurant. "I have something on you." "And may I ask what it is?" "My hat."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Point of View.

"What part of the railway train do you regard as the most dangerous?" inquired the nervous man. "The dining car," answered the dyspeptic.—Washington Star.

HUMOR OF THE GREEKS

Wit That Helped the Ancients
Drive Dull Care Away.

SOME FIFTH CENTURY JOKES

The Absentminded Professor Was a Prolific Source of Merriment to the Jesters of These Days—The Source of Many Modern Jokes.

The maxim that there is nothing new under the sun applies, it would seem, more truly to jokes and witticisms than to anything else. The chief differences between the jests of one generation and that of another lie mainly in their form. The kernel is practically the same. Nevertheless it is interesting to exhume some of these ancient jokes and to recognize in them the ancestor of the things at which we laugh today in the pages of our humorous publications.

Some humorous writers dearly love to make fun of the absentminded, unpractical university professor, who outside of his own subject lets his wits wander and is very slow to grasp anything in ordinary life. Such jokes as these were cracked centuries ago by the students and graduates of the great universities in ancient Greece, for it is a mistake to suppose that what we now call "college life" was unknown to the ancients.

As a matter of fact, the student at the University of Athens or at the University of Alexandria was very much the same sort of mortal as is the student today, and his professors were not so very different.

A witty Greek named Hierocles, a graduate of Alexandria, collected some time in the fifth century a volume of jests which were current among the students with regard to the woolgathering type of professor. A number of them are translated here as being of considerable interest in the history of humor and especially of college humor.

A professor, wishing to swim, was nearly drowned, whereupon he swore that he would never touch water again until he had learned how to swim.

Of twin brothers, one died. A professor thereupon, meeting the survivor, asked, "Is it you that died or your brother?"

A professor, learning that a raven would live for more than 200 years, bought one to test the matter.

A professor, wishing to cross a river, went on board the boat on horseback. When some one asked the reason he answered that he wanted to get over as a hurry.

A professor, looking out of the window of a house which he had bought, asked the passerby whether the house was becoming to him.

A professor, meeting another professor, said, "I heard you were dead." "And yet," replied the other, "you see that I am still alive." "Well," said the first in perplexity, "I don't know what to believe, for the man who told me about it is a much more truthful man than you!"

A professor, in danger of being shipwrecked, called for his tablets that he might make his will. Seeing thereupon his slaves lamenting their fate, he said, "Do not grieve, for I am going to set you free."

A professor dreamed that he had trodden on a nail and that the wound pained him. On waking he bound up his foot. Another professor, having learned the cause, remarked, "It served you right, for why do you sleep without sandals?"

A professor, meeting a doctor, hid himself behind a wall. Some one asking the cause, he answered, "I have not been sick for so long a time I am ashamed to come into the sight of a physician."

A professor, wishing to teach his horse to be a small eater, gave him no food at all. At length, the horse having starved to death, the professor exclaimed, "I have suffered a great loss, for just as he had learned not to eat he died!"

A professor, visiting a sick person, inquired about his health. The invalid, however, was not able to reply. Thereupon the professor, being angry and scolding the man, said, "I hope that I shall be sick some of these days, and then when you come to ask how I am I will not answer."

A professor sealed up a vessel of wine which he had bought. His servant having made a hole in the vessel beneath and drawn off some of the wine, the professor was astonished to see the contents diminished while the seals remained unbroken. A neighbor having told him to look whether it had not been taken out from below, he replied, "Why, you fool, it's the upper part of the wine and not the lower that is missing!"

A professor, a bald man and a barber traveling together agreed to keep watch in turn four hours, each while the other slept. The barber's turn came first. He quietly shaved the head of the sleeping professor and when the time elapsed awoke him. The latter, scratching his head as he got up and finding it bare, cried out:

"What a rascal that barber is! He's waked the bald man instead of me!"—Exchange.

Legal Advice.

"Prisoner," said the justice, "you are charged with having struck the defendant."

"Yes, judge; I poked him, but he called me a liar."

"That's no excuse."

"Well, judge, it was my first experience. What do you do in such cases?"—Judge's Library.

WHITE FACES.

Effect They Produce When First Seen by Colored Races.

Either Stanley or Livingstone perhaps told the world that after long living in Africa the sight of white faces produced something like fear. (And the evil spirits of Africa are white.) Well, even after a few months along with black faces I have felt that feeling of uncomfartableness at the sight of white faces. Something ghostly, terrible, seemed to have come into those faces that I had never imagined possible before. I felt for a moment the black man's terror of the white. At least I think I partly realized what it was.

You remember the Romans lost their first battles with the north through sheer fear. The fairer the welder, the more spectral the more terrible. Beauty there is in the north, of its kind. But it is surely not comparable with the wonderful beauty of color in other races.

To appreciate the beauty of colored skins it is not simply enough to travel. One must become familiar with the sight of them through months and years. (So strong our prejudices are!) And at last when you perceive there are human skins of real gold (living statues of gold with blue hair, like the Carib half breeds) and all fruit tints of skins, orange and yellow and peach red and lustrous browns of countless shades, and all colors of metals, too—bronzes of every tone—one begins to doubt whether a white skin is so fine. (If you don't believe these colors, just refer to Broca's pattern books, where you will find that all jewel colors exist in eyes and all fruit colors and metal colors in skins. I could not believe my own eyes till I saw Broca.) I have seen people who had grass green emeralds instead of eyes and topazes and rubies for eyes. And I have seen races with blue hair.—Cor. Lafayette Hears in Atlantic.

TRICK ANIMALS.

Sometimes the Trainer Has to Do His Work Quickly.

"You wouldn't believe how fast you have to work to train an animal," said the man who has broken everything from elephants to geese the other day. "Why, I can tell just how many hours it is going to take to break in any kind of animal you might mention."

"A woman came to me the other day and said: 'I want a trained goose for my magic act. How much will you charge me to break one?'"

"Sixty dollars," said I.

"Well, how do you figure that out?" she asked.

"Why, it's very simple," I said. "It's \$1 an hour, and it will take me just sixty hours."

"Yes, sir; I can train a goose—that is, to follow me around and do some simple tricks—in sixty hours, a pig in thirty hours, and so on. But as for a peafowl and a guinea hen—they can't be trained in a hundred years."

"Now, you take a troupe of trained dogs. That doesn't take half as long to do as people suppose. No, sir; a man with an animal show has got to work fast. Why, maybe the boss comes around on a Monday morning and says: 'Here—here's a bunch of six dogs. Now make an act out of it for next Monday's show.'"

"There are six green dogs to make into a troupe in a week. Can't be done, you say? Sure, it can! One dog—one trick—one day. That's the principle, and you can do it too. Each dog will learn a trick each day all right. One will learn a back somersault, one a front somersault, one to walk on his hind legs, one on his front legs, one to roll over, and so on. Then by the end of the week you've got a nice little act, and all the people are acclaiming about your years of patience and that sort of stuff. Patience is a good thing, of course, but the secret is just 'know how,' that's all."—New York Post.

Telling Eggs.

The problem of tellings eggs is not an easy one by any means. Very few of us know how to do it properly. On the other hand, there are those who think they should not be told at all, but that is old fashioned nonsense, inspired entirely by false modesty. It is safe to say that eggs should be told at as early an age as possible consistent with their temperament. If allowed to go too long there is grave danger that the egg will become bad, and when an egg becomes bad it is hopeless. The world is full of bad eggs which might have been saved if they had been told in time.—Lippincott's.

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UNDER AN UMBRELLA.

An Expensive Adventure of a Famous Parisian Wit.

Romieu, the famous Parisian wit, was one day caught in a shower and forced to seek refuge in a doorway of the opera house. It was 6 o'clock already, and he had an engagement in the Cafe de Paris for that very hour. The rain fell in torrents. There was no carriage to be had. He had no umbrella. What was to be done? While he was lamenting his bad luck a gentleman with a large umbrella passed by. Romieu was seized with a sudden inspiration. He rushed out and grasped the stranger by the arm and gravely installed himself under the protecting umbrella.

"I am overjoyed to see you," he immediately began. "I have been looking for you for two weeks. I wanted to tell you about Clementine."

Without giving the stranger time to express his surprise Romieu rattled away with gossip and anecdote until he had led the unknown companion to the door of the Cafe de Paris. Then he glanced at him with a face of well feigned astonishment.

"Pardon, monsieur," he cried. "It seems I am mistaken."

"I believe so," said the stranger. "Good gracious!" added Romieu. "Be discreet. Don't repeat what I have told you."

"I promise you." "A thousand pardons!"

Romieu hastened within the cafe and amid great laughter told the adventure to his friends. Suddenly one of them said: "Your cravat is rumpled." Romieu put his hand to his neck and turned pale. His pin, a valuable sapphire, was gone. On further examination his purse and watch were found to be gone. The man with the umbrella was a pickpocket.—London Times.

An Italian Superstition.

There is an Italian superstition that whenever a king belonging to the house of Savoy dies a huge eagle is to be seen crossing the Alps over the valley of Aosta in the direction of Savoy, and the conviction prevails among the inhabitants of Aosta that this eagle guides the soul of the dead sovereign to join those of his ancestors in Savoy. When King Charles Albert died at Lisbon, King Victor Emmanuel died at Rome and King Humbert was assassinated at Monza in 1900 the eagle was seen winging its way across the Alps. All other eagles crossing the Alps don't seem to count for much.

Ancient Ropes.

Ropes made of various kinds of fiber and leather are of very ancient date. Ropes of palm have been found in Egypt in the tombs of Beni-Hassan (about 3000 B. C.), and on the walls of these tombs is also shown the process of preparing hemp. In a tomb at Thebes of the time of Thothmes III. (about 1000 B. C.) is a group representing the process of twisting thongs of leather and the method of cutting leather into thongs.

We're All Alike.

"The Chinese worship ancestors." "How queer! By the way, have you heard the latest? Marjorie is engaged to a real live duke."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The rarest of flowers is candor.—Racine.

Shoes and Clothing

I have just received a car load of shoes that will be sold at the lowest prices.

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An Important Announcement.

We are going to conduct a Special Summer School, beginning May 1st, and special rates of tuition can be secured by enrolling during the month of May.

Special Rate, Three Months, \$70.00

including Tuition, Board and Room, one of all departments. This is as cheap as you can secure good room and board alone elsewhere.

This school is one of the model institutions of its kind in the United States and the only one having such dormitory facilities for students. Nothing was left undone in the construction of either college or dormitory; every convenience was looked after, every thought for the beautiful was studied; the class-rooms are large, ample for generous attendance, the dormitory is inviting, modern and sanitary in every respect, and the grounds are spacious. Within a few hundred yards to the east stretches Sabine Lake, with its wide expanse of water (really an arm of the sea); from the south the gulf wind comes creeping cool and moist with tonic in its salt breath and vigor in its touch. The most delightful location of any business college.

Have you one of our catalogues? Get one and learn more about us. Big business concerns are taking our graduates at good salaries. We guarantee results.

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Local News.

Buy your screen doors and windows from the Big Store.

Senator and Mrs. C. C. Stokes are at Galveston this week.

Mrs. W. E. Mayes has gone to Mineral Wells for a vacation.

See Joseph Younas for groceries, fruits and confections. 4t.

A big stock of screen doors and windows for sale at the Big Store.

T. J. Maples of Volga was a caller at the Courier office Monday.

The Big Store is showing a fine line of ladies' ready-to-wear hats.

Big line of boys' Knickerbockers and wash suits at Daniel & Burton's.

Just received a nice line of ladies' ready-to-wear hats at the Big Store. 2t

Porter Newman of Houston was here Thursday on his way to Augusta.

Those ladies' ready-to-wear hats at the Big Store can't be beat at the price. 2t

Go to Jas. S. Shivers & Co. for screen doors and windows and save money.

Ask your grocer for Clinton's pure cider vinegar and insist on having no other. 1t

We guarantee to save you money on all purchases made at our store. Daniel & Burton.

For bath or shave go to Friend. Best equipped shop in Houston county. Cleanliness our hobby.

We have always represented some of the strongest tailoring houses in America, and have recently added the Royal Tailors to our force. Shupak Tailoring Co.

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WEBB'S RESTAURANT AND CROCKETT BAKERY.

Nothing Too Good for Our Customers.

Ladies' Private Lunch Room

Mrs. Lizzie Tucker of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. E. E. Barlow in West Crockett.

Shoes.—See our line of men's, ladies' and children's low cuts. Daniel & Burton.

Something nice in ladies' hats at the Big Store. See them before you buy your hat. 2t

It's money to you to get our prices before buying. Daniel & Burton.

Rev. O. C. Payne of Wichita Falls is visiting relatives and friends in and near Crockett.

Groceries.—We carry the largest stock of groceries in Houston county. Daniel & Burton.

The genuine Mehane cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 a bushel. 2t* W. E. Cannon.

See Daniel & Burton for cultivators, combination planters and all kinds of farm implements.

J. C. Starling of Pennington is sending the Courier to his son, S. N. Starling, at Lindale, Smith county.

Clinton's pure cider vinegar is the best on the market. Ask your grocer for it and insist on having no other. 1t

The Big Store has just received a big stock of screen doors and windows, all sizes, and is selling them cheap.

Insist on being supplied with Clinton's pure cider vinegar. It is the best on the market, home-made and pure.

You had better take a look at those ladies' ready-to-wear hats at the Big Store before you make your purchase. 2t

Prof. B. E. Satterfield attended the meeting of the East Texas Teachers' Association at Palestine Friday and Saturday.

Let us show you our immense stock of dress goods, laces and Embroideries. Daniel & Burton.

H. M. Hopper of Jacksonville and J. M. O'Neill of Groveton are among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

FOR SALE—Good sawed heart pine shingles, \$3.25; mixed shingles, \$2.25. Phone 216. 1t B. L. Satterwhite.

There is no cough medicine so popular as Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to cure coughs, colds, croup and bronchitis. Will McLean.

A spring norther, preceded by a heavy rain, blew up the first of the week, but the cold was not severe enough to damage the fruit crop.

Mrs. Chas. Clinton left Sunday night for Scowhegan, Me., where she was called by telegram on account of the serious illness of her mother.

The peach crop will be the largest in the history of the county and large crops of potatoes and tomatoes will be made. Figs and other fruits will be plentiful.

Mr. H. R. Callender of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived Sunday to join his wife and child, who have been spending some time here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore.

Drop in at C. A. Clinton's plumbing establishment, next door to Nunn & Nunn's law office, and see that Fuller & Johnson gasoline engine pumping water and operating a cream separator all at the same time.

Bought Road Scrapers.

The commissioners' court has bought forty-eight road scrapers for use on the public roads of Houston county. These scrapers are to be distributed over the county as follows: Twelve at Crockett, twelve at Lovelady, twelve at Grapeland and twelve at Kennard.

District Court.

The civil docket of the district court was taken up Monday morning. The suit of Warfield Bros. vs. Thompson Lumber Co., a land suit, was on trial Tuesday and Wednesday. A number of witnesses were in attendance from Lovelady. The case next on call is that of F. A. Smith vs. Alex Wheeler et al., a suit on note.

The grand jury is in session this week.

Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

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From my farm, 5 miles south of Crockett, one brown or bay horse mule, 3 years old, about 12 or 14 hands high and has large fresh cut on left leg near shoulder. Any information leading to recovery of same will be liberally rewarded by N. E. Albright, Crockett, Texas.

Waterworks Started.

The water was turned on Wednesday morning, the mains filled and the tower started to filling. The pump worked satisfactorily and, outside of a few leaks in the water pipe, the system seemed to be in first-class order. The Crockett waterworks was started without any ceremony.

Religious Revival.

A revival is in progress at the Methodist church, conducted jointly by the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Davis, and Rev. J. W. Mills of Nacogdoches. Services are being held daily and nightly. Stores are closing for the day services from 10 to 11 o'clock and an urgent invitation to attend is extended to all.

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

Mistrial in Thompson Case.

As the Courier went to press last week the jury in the case of the state against Ed and Erwin Thompson, charged with murder, had retired to reach a verdict. After being out for two or more days and failing to agree, and defendants and all attorneys consenting, the jury was discharged by Judge Gardner.

Deserve Much Credit.

We have omitted heretofore to acknowledge receipt of the Crockett Courier's Anti-mail order edition. We appreciate it as being one of the best steps taken in this direction that we have noticed in the county. Mr. Aiken and his assistants deserve much credit for the good work done.—Augusta Correspondent in Grapeland Messenger.

Base Ball and Brains.

A full minor league team's outfit has been ordered for the players of the Port Arthur Business College, and practice is now going on. We need a few more good ball players and will make a special inducement to young men who can give us references, and who will improve their time when it is time to work, as well as the hours of play. Write Mr. Lee D. Heckman, manager of the Base Ball team of the P. A. B. C., Port Arthur, Texas, if you are a ball player, and if you wish your ability as a ball player to aid you in securing a good education. 3t.

Improve the Town Property

We are all interested in the prosperity of our town. We can contribute to it materially, and give it a far more prosperous look at the time.

Perhaps the public property needs a good coat of paint.

Devoe will supply that coat with two-thirds of the numbers of gallons required of any other.

Devoe will last twice as long as any other. Devoe is all paint and full-measure. Devoe is the strongest paint known. Devoe will take care of the property, in the long run, for half the money required by any other.

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E. D. Jewell, Corry, Pa., painted his house 5 years ago with a mixed paint; took 14 gallons. Last spring he repainted with Devoe; bought 14 gallons and had 4 left. Saved \$15 to \$20, as painting costs two or three times as much as the paint. Murchison-Beasley Drug Co. 8

One Conductor Who Was Cured.

Mr. Wilford Adams is his name, and he writes about it.—"Some time ago I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism. I used two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy with good effect, and the third bottle put me on my feet and I resumed work as conductor on the Lexington, Ky., Street Railway. It gave me more relief than any medicine I had ever used, and it will do all you claim in cases of rheumatism." Foley's Kidney Remedy cures rheumatism by eliminating the uric acid from the blood. Will McLean.

Purify the blood and put the system in order for summer work by using at this time a short course of Prickly Ash Bitters; it is the greatest blood purifier on earth. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the democratic primary:

- For Congress, 7th District
C. C. Stokes
of Houston County
- For Representative
J. R. Luce
Dr. J. B. Smith
W. G. Creath
- For County Attorney
B. F. Dent
C. M. (Marvin) Ellis
- For County Judge
E. Winfree
- For County Clerk
O. C. Goodwin
Nat E. Allbright
- For District Clerk
J. D. (Joe) Sallas
Joe Brown Stanton
- For Tax Assessor
D. T. Adair
John H. Ellis
- For Tax Collector
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
- For County Treasurer
W. H. Bayne
D. J. Cater
- For Sheriff
C. C. Mortimer
O. B. (Deb) Hale
A. W. Phillips
- County Superintendent of Schools
John T. Crook
J. F. Mangum
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
S. H. Lively
J. D. Hill
R. T. Kent
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
C. R. Stephenson
J. C. Estes
G. R. (Ross) Murchison
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
John L. Straughan
J. A. Harrelson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
J. M. Creasy
Calvert Hallmark
P. D. Austin
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1
E. M. Callier
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6
J. G. Webb
- For Constable, Precinct No. 1
R. J. (Bob) Spence
P. E. Tunstall
J. D. Sexton

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of "The Courier" will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

H. Bascom Thomas, candidate for lieutenant governor, spoke at the court house Friday afternoon. Thomas is the man who was expelled from the senate. On that account he draws fair-sized audiences wherever he speaks, but it is not thought that he makes many votes. He makes grave charges, but fails to make out his case. His failure to be specific was the cause of his expulsion from the senate.

The Courier editor attended the East Texas Press Association and Industrial Congress at Nacogdoches Friday and Saturday. The next meeting will be held at Tyler, at which Crockett should have a strong and large representation. The original organization was the East Texas Press Association with

which the East Texas Industrial Congress is now combined. The purpose is to advertise the unlimited resources of East Texas and the meetings are to be held twice a year. The object is of vast importance and the first town to recognize this fact was Tyler, whose citizens chartered a special train to attend the Nacogdoches meeting, taking with them a band of music. Nacogdoches also furnished a band and the town took on a holiday air while the Press Association and Industrial Congress were in session. Industrial talks were made by prominent men of the state and the organization of the congress perfected.

HOUSTON COUNTY'S CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

Houston county offers to the Seventh Congressional District a candidate for congressional honors in the person of one of her own sons, the Hon. C. C. Stokes. Senator Stokes has served in both branches of the state legislature, serving first in the lower house and then in the senate. The duties of the law-maker are not new to him. He has served his people faithfully in both branches of the state law-making body, always on the alert and casting his vote according to the dictates of his conscience on any and all questions.

Senator Stokes is a product of Houston county. He was born and reared on a farm near Crockett, educated mostly in Crockett and with the exception of a few short periods has spent all of his time in Crockett and Houston county. He is a member of the Crockett bar and enjoys the esteem of the bar not only at this place but wherever he is known. He is in the prime of life, is a vigorous thinker and a forceful speaker, and immediately commands the attention and respect of his hearers. Such, briefly, is the candidate Houston county offers to the voters of the Seventh Congressional District.

Senator Stokes is popular in his home county and the Courier predicts that his popularity will extend from the upper to the lower end of the district when the people have had the opportunity of meeting and hearing him. His campaign is now well under way and his friends are sanguine of success.

THE CANDIDATE OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

R. V. Davidson, former attorney general and present candidate for governor of Texas, will speak at Palestine Saturday afternoon, April 23, at 2 o'clock, and those of our citizens who want to hear some good logic will have the opportunity of hearing him by going up on the noon train. It is believed by many that Davidson will be the next governor of Texas. The Courier does not know about that. But the Courier does know one thing, and that is, that it is for him. The Courier is for him because of his record as attorney general. It has been said that "his record as attorney-general will live in history." His announcement proclaims him as "not the candidate of any ring, faction or combination." If elected governor he pledges himself as a public servant to carry out the will of the people. As attorney general he has kept the faith. He favors the enforcement of all laws, from those affecting the millionaire trust magnate down to the ones affecting the commonest bootlegger. He is in favor of the submission of the state-wide prohibition question and therefore in favor of the enforcement of the

law should the change in the constitution permitting state-wide prohibition be adopted. He is opposed to statutory prohibition, believing it to be unconstitutional, and is opposed to any prohibition until the people have expressed at the ballot box their desire for such law. Acknowledging the right of the people to vote on the question, he favors submission and the enactment of such laws as will comply with the expressed will of the people. He is not the candidate of either element, but is the candidate of the whole people and is running on his record for the enforcement of all laws.

A FULL COUNT IS IMPORTANT.

The census of Crockett and Houston county is now being taken. It is of the utmost importance that a full count be had and to this end the Courier urges that every possible aid be given those in charge of the work. The population of Crockett and Houston county for the next ten years will be based on the returns of the present census. Crockett and Houston county will be advertised for a duration of ten years by the 1910 census. Our basis of representation in congress for ten years will be on the 1910 census. Then, for these and many other reasons, it is of the utmost importance that every person in Houston county, in town and country, see that every living soul is counted. If the enumerator has missed you, hunt him down right now and see if he has not also missed some one else. He has only two weeks in which to take the census.

The East Texas Summer Normal.

Feeling the need for better summer school advantages for the teachers of East Texas, a number of leading school men of this section have undertaken to organize a summer normal for the teachers of East Texas superior to any yet attempted in this part of the state. Jacksonville, on account of accessibility, being located at the crossings of three of the principal railroads of the state and having over twelve passenger trains daily, has been selected as a suitable place for holding such a normal. Houston county has been asked to join in this movement, and we are glad to have the privilege of doing so.

The faculty is composed of some of the most representative school men from the counties adjoining Cherokee county. Including the instructor in Primary Methods, Mrs. Mimmie Halley Smith, of Dallas, formerly of Sam Houston Normal, there are to be nine or ten members in the faculty. Mr. Satterfield, superintendent of the Crockett Public Schools, will represent Houston county and has been elected to give the professional work in Methods and Management, Psychology, and History of Education. Each instructor will teach only those subjects in which he is strongest. This exceptionally large and well selected faculty assures a very high grade of work. This faculty will be one of the largest ever organized for independent summer normal work in the state and will prove a decided advantage over the usual small local normal. Work will be given in all the subjects required for second grade, first grade, permanent primary, and permanent certificates. While the endeavor will be to make this normal one of the best places in the state for one to prepare to stand the examination for certificate, special emphasis will be given to the professional side of the work. Effort will be made to make this normal one of the strongest factors for the advancement of edu-

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cational interests in Texas. From reports from different parts of the district, those at the head of the movement feel assured of an attendance of 250 teachers, and arrangements are being made for over 300 teachers. The dormitories of the two colleges in Jacksonville are to be open to the teachers at a very low rate for board. The sessions of the normal will held in the new A. C. I. building.

We feel sure that this unusual opportunity will be fully appreciated by the teachers of Houston county, and we are glad that it is so easily accessible to them. By the proper cooperation on the part of the teachers of this section of the state we shall be able to hold one of the most successful and helpful summer normals ever held in any part of Texas. The Houston County Summer Normal committee will look after the interest of this normal and will give further information later. Very respectfully,
J. F. Mangum,
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