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HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

The First Half of An Interesting Document—Road District Work Reviewed and Criticisms Made—Two Commissioners Under Fire. Second Half of Document Will Appear Next Week.

Crockett, Texas, Nov. 10, 1913. Hon. J. S. Prince, Judge 3rd Judicial District:

The subscribers hereto, appointed by your Honor as a Finance Committee and instructed as to their duties in the premises by your Honor, beg to submit their report as follows:

Preliminary to a presentation and a discussion of their findings and in justification thereof we pray the Courts indulgence to the end that we may say in defense of the great volume and length of the report that it covers and deals with matters of extraordinary importance to the people—questions affecting financial transactions of unprecedented magnitude and interest. Chief of these and surpassing all others in vital concern to the people of the county generally and more especially those living within the road district which voted, a short time since, a liberal bond issue, is the question of good roads. And in this connection we beg to say that it is not our province or purpose to indulge in reflections or insinuations or to prefer charges of improper conduct.

We propose to deal with facts as we found them—to present the stern, stubborn facts as we met them face to face in our inquiry and without comment on our part let the public see them and handle them and draw their own conclusions as these data may warrant.

Road and Bond Issue.

A short time since, the tax payers within a limited area surrounding Crockett and extending over a radius of seven miles, declared by popular referendum in favor of issuing bonds in the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Those who were actively prominent in advocacy of this enterprise expressed themselves as favoring the enactment of special legislation to cover the expenditure of this money and to take the same out of the hands of the commissioners' court and providing for a more efficient system of directing the work along scientific lines and in accordance with the principles of modern road engineering. To this end a special road law was enacted for Houston county and went into effect August 31, 1911.

Section 5 of this law expressly provides for a superintendent of roads in this road district and in clear, unequivocal language declares his duties, giving him full and exclusive control of the roads and bridges and all work on them. This language is clear and concise, but not more so than that which says in the same section that

"The Commissioners' Court Shall Have No Authority

In directing the work nor in the general management of roads and bridges of said district." Nothing can be clearer than that the law takes the control of the roads, the

work etc. of Road District No. 3 out of the hands of the Commissioners' Court.

Besides this all who recall the public meetings preceding the voting of the bonds will not forget the avowed intention and determination to have a law which would entirely eliminate any control or power of the commissioners' court to expend a dollar of this money and to have a law passed removing all possibilities of their having anything to do with it. There were still other reasons for taking this matter from their jurisdiction, prominently that three of them were not citizens of this road district and did not pay one cent of tax on this bonded debt and if for no other reason this of itself was ample for their not having anything to do with handling the money or directing the work.

Thus we see what the law is on this special district. We recall what the intent of the people was in asking for a special road law. We also have a right to assume that sound business principles would suggest that the expenditure of this extraordinary sum on public roads called for the application of some business methods in the working of these roads. Which is to say that all road work in this road district should have been done by contract with the lowest bidder according to specifications and under the supervision of a competent superintendent. But what do we see? The commissioners' court at the first meeting to act on this law decides that they cannot appoint a superintendent as the law provides because there is no vacancy, as if there could be a vacancy in an office for the first time created in this law and before it had been put into effect.

This contention strikes us as a quibble—a puerile evasion of an expressed and specific provision of the law and also contrary to the avowed intent of the public will. Popular disapproval of the court's action was so strong that a petition was circulated and signed by a large number of citizens, demanding that an advisory board of resident citizens be appointed to take charge of the work. The court yielded to this popular will and appointed this board, delegating to it the power which the court had refused to exercise. This board took charge and selected a superintendent, first W. R. King, then T. J. Palm, after Palm, C. C. Warfield and last J. W. Hail. Under the managements of these various superintendents, the work went forward and a vast deal of work was done on the roads. Some 57 miles were graded, ditched, and in many instances the right-of-way broadened, all obstructions removed and quite a number of miles sanded and clayed.

As stated this work was done under the general direction and

control of the advisory board through the superintendent. This work was done, it seems, by the day, the contractors having teams and scrapers and a part of the time a traction engine as a motive power, the superintendent supervising the work in person, checking out the pay rolls and taking care to see that they were correct before approving them for payment. We fail to see how it was possible for any money to be paid out on padded pay rolls with the system which they applied. They were present in person to direct the work and were tax payers concerned to see an efficient coequalivalent bestowed for every dollar paid out.

It is possible that there was extravagance indulged in at the beginning, in the exceptionally high standard of wages paid for labor and teams and in supplies for camps and corrals, but they seem to have gotten a full day's output in work. We believe, however, that many more miles of road could have been worked for the same money if the system of letting out to bidders under bond, a specified mileage of road to be worked according to specifications, had been inaugurated at the start and held to.

Altogether the total mileage worked under the general control and direction of the aforesaid board totaled 57 miles and according to the payrolls and reports rendered, this mileage of road work cost the district in round figures the total sum of \$74,000.00; that is from the day the advisory board took charge, until the same was abolished by the commissioners' court, the sum of \$74,000.00 was expended. Of this, \$14,000.00 should be deducted for preliminary expenses, such as the cost of the bond issue, sale of the bonds, purchase of mules, graders, scrapers, traction engine and other tools and implements for use on the roads and which are still on hand, leaving a total of \$60,000.00, actually expended for road work, or \$1,052.00 per mile for the 57 miles constructed under this management.

At this stage the commissioners' court steps in and takes control. On page 257 of commissioners' court's minutes Vol. 9 we find the following record of proceedings, of date February 15, 1913:

"It is ordered by this court on this the 15th day of February 1913, that the office of road superintendent of Road District No. 3, and the advisory board heretofore appointed in said district, and they are hereby abolished from and after March 1st, and that the present road superintendent is hereby required to turn over to the county judge all teams, tools, books, papers, moneys, etc., now in his hands, belonging to said Road District No. 3 and it is further ordered by the court, that the county judge is hereby authorized to work and manage the said road district teams, approve payrolls, audit and pay claims, hire all necessary labor, and that no money shall be drawn out of said funds except on the order of the county judge, and the county clerk is hereby ordered to issue warrants in accordance with this order."

At this point in program of road working there was considerable criticism and dissatisfaction over

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ANOTHER TRAGEDY IN A HOUSTON COUNTY FEUD.

Two of the Durham Boys in Jail for Killing Old Man Christie and Two Sons—Old Man Durham Had Been Killed by One of the Christies, Now in the Penitentiary.

Another story is being written in the Christie-Durham feud in that remote corner of Houston county, known as Cracker's Bend, lying between the Neches river and the Trinity county line. That part of Houston county forms the corner of a triangle in shape. It used to be that no negroes were allowed there and in those days that section became known as Cracker's Bend. It is a typical section for the scenario of a feudal story, such as the moving pictures display. But a real feud has thrived there and fiction is outdone in the enactment of the second chapter.

Cracker's Bend is penetrated from the east by a logging road from the Diboll saw mill in Angelina county, and a logging camp, known as Diboll front, is at the end of the road. Near Diboll front in the spring of 1911 Doc Durham, a farmer 45 years of age and a man of family, was shot through a window and killed while attending a party at a neighbor's house. Audy and Jewell Christie, sons of Henry Christie, were arrested for the crime. Audy Christie was convicted and is now serving a life term in the penitentiary. Jewell Christie was acquitted by the jury. That was the first chapter in the Christie-Durham feud. With Doc Durham dead and Audy Christie in the penitentiary the feud took on new life and incubation in the breasts of the other Durhams and Christies. On Tuesday of this week the enactment of the second chapter was begun. Henry Christie and two sons, Jewell and Dewitt, the sons twins, had been to Ratcliff to do some trading and were returning home with supplies for the family and the farm. They were travelling in a two-horse wagon and among the other supplies it is said they had two and a half gallons of whisky. They were unarmed. When within one and a half miles of Diboll front they encountered some of the opposing side of the feud and all three were killed. Henry Christie, the father, was shot with a load of buckshot in the breast. He fell dead from his seat into the wagon. Dewitt's body was pierced four times with bullets from a Winchester. He jumped from the wagon and ran

into the woods where he expired. Jewell was hit with a load of buckshot and two Winchester bullets. He fell dead from the side of the wagon. With one man in the woods dead, another dead in the road and the third dead in the wagon, the team ran away for a mile and a half, or until the wagon struck a stump at Diboll front. The deputy sheriff at the logging camp, Walter Crow, and others went to investigate the runaway team. In the wagon they found the body of Henry Christie, the father. Still on the hunt, with cocked gun in hand and with heated breath, Coll Durham arrived, following close in the wake of the runaway wagon. He had made sure of the death of the two sons by the roadside and he had come to make sure of the death of the father. When told that the old man was dead he lowered his gun and surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Phillips Crow. He said that he had killed all three of the men, using both a shotgun and a Winchester. He said if he had not killed them they would have killed him and he shot first. Such was the enmity between the men.

Deputy Sheriff Phillips Crow telephoned Sheriff Phillips at Crockett of the crime and the surrender of Coll Durham. When the sheriff arrived he could not understand how one man could do so much shooting, so he brought both Coll and Sollie Durham back to Crockett with him, arriving late Wednesday afternoon. Coll and Sollie are both in jail, Coll claiming to have fired all the shots and protesting against the guilt of his brother. Coll and his brother are 21 and 18 years of age respectively.

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COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.**

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word Mr. Daniel's testimony before the committee. Below we give copy of statement which Matchett made and presented to Mr. Daniel for settlement:

Statement of Commissioner Matchett.

From May 26th to September 13th, 1913,	109 days.
Less lost time	16 days.
93 days at \$40.00 per month, time 3 months and 1 day,	\$121.33
By cash paid,	40.00
	\$81.33

On back of Matchett's statement as shown above was the following order: "Arch Baker, pay Mr. M. B. Matchett, the amount of the within account out of our mule account— I. A. Daniel."

During the time above shown when Mr. Matchett was drawing pay from I. A. Daniel, and from J. H. Smith also, Mr. Matchett, according to the minutes of the commissioners' court, was drawing pay for 45 days at \$3.00 per day as a member of court. He also on July 13th drew \$50.00 as ex officio for road service.

Testimony of J. H. Smith.

Mr. Smith being sworn testified as follows: "Oscar Reynolds kept time and made out payrolls. I have paid Matchett \$80.00, and think I owe him some little yet. Don't remember just the trade with Mr. Matchett. Court did not require payrolls to be sworn to. I charged 50c a day for board for men." Question by committee: Mr. Matchett's name does not appear on payroll? "No sir." Question: And the reason it did not appear was that that was a matter between Mr. Matchett and yourself? "Yes sir." In this connection we give below the evidence in part of R. A. Hawley, who had charge of camp of Mr. Daniel:

Hawley being sworn deposed as follows: "Matchett stayed at my camp at night and took his meals there. I furnished the groceries and the county furnished the horse feed which Matchett's horse ate. Matchett paid nothing for his board and horse feed. Matchett never spent a day in camp. He did stay one Saturday and Sunday in place of his son, Will, who was absent. Will Matchett was corral boss. Commissioner Matchett always came to the camp after teams were in lot and fed and left in morning before teams went out to work."

From Hawley's evidence above it will be seen that Commissioner Matchett in addition to what he was drawing from Messrs. Daniel and Smith as pay and from the county for court attendance was also getting free board for self and horse during all this time.

The following evidence has reference to road working in Commissioner Lively's precinct. H. E. Johnson who was a contractor on road work in Commissioner Lively's precinct being sworn said: "I began work on Rusk road about 300 yards beyond bayou and worked about four miles of road. Camp situated on bayou. I paid for all equipment and all tools. I had ten head of mules of my own. Paid for all feed. I looked after right-of-way myself. I looked after my own stock and the drivers fed them. I made deal with county by which they were to pay me \$4.50 per day for teams. County also paid me \$3.00 per day for my services. I engaged 16 to 18 teams per day besides my own. I paid Lively \$50 per month and gave him his time in court. I paid him in cash not checks. I also fed him and his mule and he had a bed at my camp. His wife spent one week at the camp. I wanted Lively to assist in getting right-of-way. I paid

him every week. I paid him cash. Lively's name did not appear on pay roll." Question: "Why?" "Because that was a matter between Lively and myself." Lively's board for himself and mule would have been a dollar a day or \$30 a month. "My son made out pay rolls and kept time." Question by committee: "Why didn't your pay rolls show each team and the man the team belonged to instead of lumping all together as you did?" "It was easier that way." What was to prevent padding of pay rolls when teams were all turned in in lump style? How was it possible for county or commissioners to check your pay rolls as they were made out? "My son kept time and kept it correct." Did you swear to your pay rolls? "No sir, the court never required it." Question: There was no way then of determining whether your pay rolls were correct or not? "I paid farmers \$3.50 per day for teams and got pay from the county at \$4.50 per day."

Tom Luce's Evidence.

Tom Luce being sworn said: "I worked for H. E. Johnson about forty days on Rusk road. The road north of bayou for 2 1/2 or 3 miles was very fine before it was worked by Johnson. Since it was worked you can hardly get over it. Got \$3.50 a day for my team. Johnson turned it in at \$4.50. Lively said they would not pay more. Ryan Johnson, son of H. E. Johnson, drew pay as water boy but did nothing but ride a jack up and down the road. Lively stayed at camp. Ate supper and breakfast there. Fed his mule there. Heard Lively tell Johnson that he had done all he could for him, but court overruled him. Later, on Monday night, Lively and Johnson had been talking and Johnson remarked to the men that they would have to work at same price they had been working, which was \$3.50 per day for teams. Some of the men whose teams were small got only \$3.00 per day for teams which Johnson got \$4.50 per day for from county. We knew all the time that Lively was not treating us right—that he was standing in with Johnson, but we could say nothing for we had to work on account of short crops." Question: What evidence did you have of this? "Only the glad welcome Johnson gave Lively when he came out to camp. He provided Lively with neat cot, clean sheets and a separate bowl to wash in and a separate place for his mule to eat. We believed all the time Lively was getting money we ought to have had. Lively did no work except to sit around and talk a little tree one day."

Thad Marshall Testifies:

"Saw Lively at Johnson's camp often. Never saw him do anything except to sit around and talk."

Lonnie Pore Testifies:

"Johnson paid me only \$3.00 for team per day. He paid some five or six others only \$3.00 per day and then drew \$4.50 for same from county. Saw Lively around camp a whole lot. Before Rusk road was worked about 3 miles of it was fine, it is now rough. Don't think it was benefitted by work. Heard Lively say Johnson was getting \$4.50 for teams—that he, Lively, was getting nothing. Good many farmers had better teams than Johnson had."

Dick Baker Testifies:

"Hawley told me that when Johnson closed a contract to work on roads, Lively told him (Hawley) that he (Hawley) could have the road job if he would give Lively \$75.00 a month."

D. C. Poe Testifies:

"Saw Lively at Johnson's camp repeatedly, but only saw him sitting around, doing no work."

John E. Sharp Testifies:

"Worked on Rusk road, got \$3.00

a day for my team, which was medium in size. People generally opposed working road north of bayou. It was a fine road before it was worked. Several men got only \$3.00 per day for their teams. Understood Johnson got \$4.50 for each of them. Saw Lively at camp often, just sitting around talking. Consider work done on the 4 miles north of bayou a curse to Houston county. Heard Johnson was paying Lively \$65 per month."

Hon. J. R. Luce Testifies:

Johnson worked possibly 4 miles of Rusk road. With one or two exceptions road he worked would have been better 15 years from now had it not been worked. It was a fine piece of road bed, almost rock. I consider the work on the road done a positive damage. Sam Lively got mad at me when I told him he ought to resign from his office. Question by committee: Why did you tell him he ought to resign? "Because he had moved out of county." C. Lively told me that Sam Lively had shipped everything out of county except a bed and a few tools. Sam Lively moved from county about 1st of January last." Question by committee: What do you think of present tax rate, Mr. Luce? "I consider the tax rate unnecessarily high and the building of this new jail an outrage. The people would have been satisfied if they had had a vote on the question. Alvie Grounds told me that he had taken the acknowledgment of Ed Smith to accounts for building more bridges than he could count on his fingers—that he had sworn to timbers as 8 x 10 when they were not more than 8 inches in diameter and just smoothed on one side. These bridges built were in Lively's precinct." The finance committee had quite

a number of other witnesses who had worked under Johnson in Lively's precinct and all corroborate the main facts given above by Luce and others.

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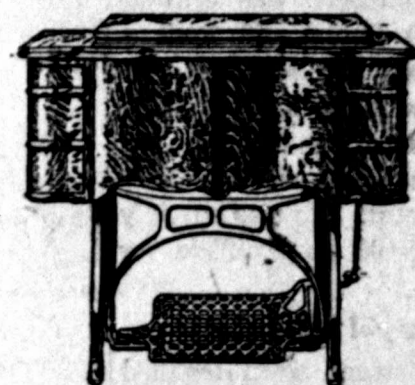
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Men's \$22.50 val-\$16.48	Lot 1221—Men's \$1.75 wool underwear \$1.25	Lot 3118—Boys' \$6.00 wool suits, sale price \$4.75	Men's \$2.00 wool shirts \$1.65	Men's \$4.00 shoes, during this sale for \$3.50	Men's \$1.00 sweaters during this sale, 65c	Lot 3001—Men's \$18.00 suits 14.75
Men's \$25.00 val-17.50	Lot 50—Men's 75c Scrivens drawers 69c	Lot 3146—Boys' \$7.50 wool suits, sale price \$5.25	Men's \$2.50 wool shirts \$1.98	Men's \$4.50 shoes, during this sale for \$3.75	Men's 50c sweaters during this sale, 39c	All numbers men's \$20.00 suits 15.00
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Men's \$2.00 val-1.25	Lot 127—Boys' 50c union suits 41c	Lot 3232—Boys' \$9.00 wool suits, sale price \$6.95	Men's 50c negligee shirts, sale price 39c	Boys' \$1.50 shoes, during this sale for \$1.25	Boys' 75c sweaters during this sale, 49c	All men's \$12.50 overcoats 9.75
Men's \$2.50 val-2.00	Lot 129—Boys' 25c underwear 19c	Lot 3227—Boys' \$10.00 wool suits, sale price \$7.50	Men's \$75c negligee shirts, sale price 55c	Boys' \$1.75 shoes \$1.50	Boys' 50c sweaters during this sale, 35c	All men's \$10.00 overcoats 7.75
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Men's \$3.00 val-1.98	SUIT CASES from \$1.00 to 12.50	One lot boys' \$5.00 overcoats, sale price \$3.25	Men's \$1.25 negligee shirts, sale price 98c	Boys' \$2.50 shoes \$2.25	1 lot ladies' shoes, per pair 1.00	All men's \$5.00 overcoats 3.35
Men's \$4.50 val-3.50		One lot boys' \$7.50 overcoats, sale price \$5.15	Men's \$1.50 negligee shirts, sale price \$1.20	Men's \$3.00 shoes \$2.65		
Men's \$6.00 val-5.00		One lot boys' \$10.00 overcoats, sale price \$7.50	Boys' 50c shirts and shirt-waists, sale price 39c	Men's \$5.00 boots \$4.50		
Men's \$7.50 val-6.45		One lot boys' \$10.00 overcoats, sale price \$7.50	Boys' 25c shirts and shirt-waists, sale price 19c	Men's \$5.00 bootees \$4.50		
Men's \$1.50 to \$20.00			One table of 25, 35 and 50c Wool Suitings, per yard 19c	Men's \$4.50 bootees \$3.95		
				Men's \$4.00 bootees \$3.25		

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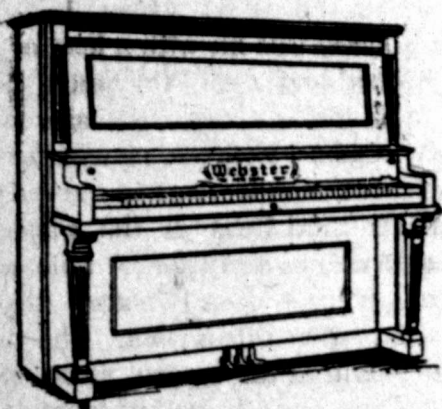
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Contest Begins Saturday
Morning, November 22,
at 9 O'Clock, and Closes
July 6, 1914, at 6 O'clock

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Big \$500 Prize Contest Commencing Saturday

First Prize



\$350
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Jas. Shivers & Company will give to the lady receiving the largest amount of votes to the one receiving the next largest amount of votes we will give a beautiful Standard, and to the third largest amount of votes we will give a beautiful Standard,

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FOR LADY

Commencing Saturday Morning, November 22nd, 1913, at 9:00 O'Clock, and

We Will Start This Great Contest With a Special

13 BIG BUSINESS DAYS 13

This sale will last thirteen days, commencing Saturday morning, continuing until the close of business Saturday night, December 6th, 1913.

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<p>6c and 7½c Calico Sale Price 4 3-4c</p> <p>Corsets</p> <p>50c W. B. corsets, sale price 43c \$1.00 W. B. corsets, sale price 79c \$1.50 W. B. corsets, sale price 1.19 \$2.00 W. B. corsets, sale price 1.69 \$3.00 W. B. corsets, sale price 2.35 \$3.50 W. B. corsets, sale price 2.95</p> <p>10c and 12½c Gingham Sale Price 7 1-2c</p>	<p>Ladies' \$18.00 coat suits, sale price \$9.00 Ladies' \$20.00 coat suits, sale price 10.00 Ladies' \$22.50 coat suits, sale price 11.25 Ladies' \$25.00 coat suits, sale price 12.50 Ladies' \$27.50 coat suits, sale price 13.75 Ladies' \$30.00 coat suits, sale price 15.00 Ladies' \$40.00 coat suits, sale price 20.00 Ladies' \$6.00 one-piece dresses, sale price 4.48 Ladies' \$7.50 one-piece dresses, sale price 5.47 Ladies' \$8.00 one-piece dresses, sale price 5.98 Ladies' \$10.00 one-piece dresses, sale price 7.25</p>	<p>Mill End Remnants</p> <p>2000 yards 10c outing remnants, per yard 5c 1200 yds 12½c English flannels, per yd 7 1-2c 2500 yds 10c gingham remnants, per yard 6c 1500 yds 10c bleached domestic remnants 5c 800 yards 25c Repps, per yard 11c 1000 yards 10c cotton flannel remnants 5c</p> <p>All 10c Outing per yard 8 1-3c</p>	<p>Ladies, Misses and Children's Cloaks</p> <p>Child's \$2.00 cloak for \$1.25 Child's \$3.50 cloak for \$2.65 Child's \$4.00 cloak for \$2.98 Misses' \$3.00 cloak for \$1.98 Misses' \$4.00 cloak for \$2.75 Misses' \$5.00 cloak for \$3.35 Misses' \$6.00 cloak for \$4.15 Ladies' \$3.50 cloak, during the sale for \$2.98 Ladies' \$4.50 cloak, during the sale for \$3.15 Ladies' \$5.00 cloak, during the sale for \$3.75 Ladies' \$6.00 cloak, during the sale for \$4.25 Ladies' \$7.00 cloak, during the sale for \$4.75 Ladies' \$8.00 cloak, during the sale for \$5.35 Ladies' \$10.00 cloak, during the sale for \$7.15 Ladies' \$12.50 cloak \$8.95 Ladies' \$15.00 cloak \$9.98</p>	<p>Ladies' 25c and 35c Vests and Pants Sale Price 19c</p> <p>Silks and Messalines</p> <p>All \$1.50 per yard silks, this sale 98c All \$1.25 per yard silks, this sale 89c All \$1.00 per yard silks, this sale 79c All 50c per yard silks, this sale 39c All 35c per yard silks, this sale 27c All 25c per yard silks, this sale 19c</p> <p>8½ and 10c Cheviots and Plaids, sale price 7 3-4c</p>	<p>Furniture</p> <p>Lot 31—Dining chair, \$1.00 value, sale price 76c Lot 60—Dining chair, \$1.25 value, sale price 85c Lot 602—Dining chair, \$2.25 value, sale price \$1.75 Lot 1—3-piece suit, \$17.50 value, sale price \$12.50 Lot 8—3-piece suit, \$22.50 value, sale price \$16.48 Lot 9—3-piece suit, \$25.00 value, sale price 17.50 Lot 204—3-piece suit, regular \$30.00 value, sale price 24.90 Dining tables, \$6.50 values, sale price 4.50 One lot rockers, \$2.00 values, sale price 1.25 One lot rockers, \$2.50 values, sale price 2.00 One lot rockers, \$3.50 values, sale price 2.78 One lot rockers, \$3.00 values, sale price 1.98 Lot 4—Kitchen safes, \$4.50 values, sale price 3.50 Lot 10—Kitchen safes, \$6.00 values, sale price 5.00 Lot 17—Kitchen safes, \$7.50 values, sale price 6.45 Iron beds \$4.50 to \$20.00</p>	<p>Men and Boys</p> <p>Lot 402—M underwear Lot 521—M underwear Lot 358—M underwear Lot 8183—M underwear Lot 1221—M underwear Lot 50—M drawers Lot 402—M seam draw Lot 127—M suits Lot 129—M wear</p> <p>TRUNKS \$2.00 to SUIT CAS \$1.00 to</p>
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Crisp November Weather Suggests Winter Dry Goods, Better Shoes and Warmer Clothing for All the Family

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We Buy What You Have to Sell and Sell What You Have to Buy

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of Charles Miller, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February A. D. 1914, the same being the ninth day of March, A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1913, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5489, wherein W. D. Ellis is plaintiff and the Unknown Heirs of Charles Miller, deceased, are defendants, said petition alleging that on or about the 1st day of November, 1913, the plaintiff was the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the hereinafter described tract or survey of land, lying and being situated in Houston county, Texas, about 16½ miles North 45 degrees West from the town of Crockett, being the Charles Miller Survey of 320 acres of land and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the Wm. Smith 320 acre survey a stake from

which a Pin Oak 12 in. brs S 12 W 12 2-5 vrs. and P. O. bears S. 79 E. ¼vr.

Thence S 75 W with said Smith's S Bdy 1544 vrs corner from which a B. J. 12 in. brs S 70 W 10 vrs. and P. O. brs N 86 E 14 vrs.

Thence S 15 E 1170¼ vrs corner from which P. O. 24 in brs N 30 E. 9 2-10 vrs. N. 34 W 5 vrs.

Thence N 75 E 1544 vrs corner from which P. O. 28 in. brs N 8 W 11 8-10 vrs. Do N 87 W 57 vrs.

Thence N 15 W passing R Whitley corner 1170 vrs. to the beginning by and through the following instruments and monuments of title:

(a) Patent from the State of Texas to Charles Miller, of date January 8, 1872, granting, by field notes, said survey of 320 acres of land. Patent No. 399, Vol. 39, recorded January 4, 1878, Book Z, page 329, Houston County Deed Records.

This land located by virtue of unconditional Certificate No. 570, Third Class, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners, Bexar county, Texas, August 22, 1855.

(b) Transfer or conveyance of Charles Miller to Davis A. Calhoun, of said unconditional Headright Land Certificate No. 570, upon which said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres was afterwards located, the exact date of same not now known but it was some time prior to February 25, 1857, and such instrument has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of the contents thereof will be offered upon the trial of this case.

(c) Deed or transfer of Davis A. Calhoun to Zack Horn, of date February 25,

1857, reciting a consideration of One Hundred and Forty (\$140.00) Dollars and conveying said unconditional Headright Certificate of Charles Miller 320 acre survey of land, No. 570, Third Class, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Bexar county, on the 22nd day of August, 1855, recorded January 4, 1878, Book Z, page 327, Houston County Deed Records.

(d) Deed of W. L. Horn to Burke, Stewart & Company, of date December 11, 1889, reciting a consideration of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars, and conveying an undivided 1-3 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 2, 1890, Book 12, page 77, Houston County Deed Records.

(e) Deed of J. D. Dupuy to Burke, Stewart & Company, of date January 31, 1890, reciting consideration of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars paid, and conveying an undivided 1-3 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded October 24, 1890, Book 13, page 77, Houston County Deed Records.

(f) Deed of R. E. Matthews and wife, M. E. Matthews, to Burke, Dupuy & Watkins, of date November 2, 1891, reciting consideration of One Hundred and Fifty One (\$151.00) Dollars, and conveying an undivided 1-6 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 27, 1893, Book 14, page 28, Houston County Deed Records.

(g) Deed of P. H. Horn to R. E. Matthews, of date May 29, 1891, reciting consideration of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars paid and conveying an undivided 1-6 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 27, 1893, Book 14, page 430, Houston County Deed Records.

(h) Deed of Burke, Dupuy & Watkins to Goss, Shelton Hat Company, of date January 3, 1897, and conveying an undivided ½ interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land.

(i) Certified Copy of Judgment of the Court in case Carrie Horn, by next friend, vs. W. L. Horn et al, No. 6426 on the docket of the District Court of Anderson county, Texas, rendered at the July Term 1901, and awarding to the Goss-Shelton Hat Company the said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land.

(j) Proof that Goss-Langenberg Hat Company is successor to Goss-Shelton Hat Company.

(k) Deed of Goss-Langenberg Hat Company to C. W. Kennedy, of date the 9th day October, A. D. 1913, conveying

said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded Book 70, page 289, Houston County Deed Records.

(l) Deed of C. W. Kennedy to W. D. Ellis, of date October 20, 1913, conveying said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded Book 69 page 235 Houston County Deed Records.

And plaintiff further alleging in his petition that on or about said date, viz: November 1st, 1913, the defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises, ejected plaintiff therefrom and now unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return endorsed thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 13th day of November A. D. 1913.

John D. Morgan, Clerk, District Court, Houston County Texas. Adv. 8t.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

- "Don't sit in a draughty car."
- "Don't sleep in hot rooms."
- "Don't avoid the fresh air."
- "Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Overeating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers. Adv.

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BRITISH NAVAL MYSTERY.

Traditions Regarding the Death of Sir Cloudeley Shovel.

Of the almost complete wreck of a squadron under Sir Cloudeley Shovel on the rocks of the Scilly isles, together with the death of its gallant commander, the greatest seaman of the age, a number of curious traditions are associated both with the events leading up to the catastrophe and the fate of the celebrated admiral.

The outstanding feature of the catastrophe is the mystery of Shovel's death, which will probably never be solved, and the latter turns upon the admiral's emerald ring. One story goes that the body was picked up on the shore by a soldier and his wife and buried by them on Porth Hellick sands. A spot is still shown at Porth Hellick as being the burial place of the admiral, and, according to tradition, grass has never grown upon it. Subsequently the identity of the corpse was discovered. The remains were exhumed and conveyed to London via Plymouth, where they were embalmed. Lady Shovel rewarded the soldier with a pension for life and received from him the ring found on her husband's finger.

Another story is that Paxton, the purser of the Arundel, discovered two St. Mary men quarreling over the possession of a ring. He at once recognized it as Shovel's ring and inquired from which body it had been taken, and when that was found he knew and claimed the body. Lastly, there is the startling narrative of foul play—viz, that many years after the wreck an aged woman confessed to the parish minister on her deathbed that, exhausted with fatigue, one man who had been washed ashore on a hatch reached her hut and that she had murdered him to secure the valuable property on his person. She then produced a splendid emerald ring taken from the finger of her victim and identified as the gift of Lord Berkeley to Shovel.

The responsibility for this story rests upon the admiral's grandson, the Earl of Romney. Modern research reports rather in favor of the murder theory. The ring was eventually recovered, and altered into the form of a locket and set with diamonds it is a precious relic of the Berkeley family.

The theory as to how it passed into the possession of the family of the original donor is that Lady Shovel received it from the murderer, as stated, and bequeathed it at her death to Lord Berkeley. Several old works of reference contain the baseless story that Lady Shovel was aboard the Association and was drowned along with her husband. By the way, her ladyship's ghost is supposed to walk at midnight in the avenue of May place, Dartford, Kent, once the home of the Shovels.—London Globe.

Burned It Into Memory.

One of the most characteristically eccentric things ever done by Gelett Burgess (and one of the few true stories of him) was to spend three or four days in constructing of cardboard, mica and green velvet a little model of an old New England house, complete as to windows, curtains, lawn, garden, trees and even

including a hammock with a tiny hat and summer novel and washing stretched out on a clothesline on the back stoop. This was for a dinner given to several literary friends in New York, and when the coffee was served he deliberately set fire to the whole farm. His explanation was that had it been spared his guests might have forgotten the affair, but they would always remember the destruction of the house.

Garantized Oils.

The following advertisement of olive oil is the work of a Rio Janeiro firm:

"Ours olives oils have garantized of fitts quality. Diligently fabricated add filtrated, the consumer will find with them, the good taste and perfect preservation. For to escape to any conterfeit, is necessary to requiere on any bottles this contremarc deposed conformably to the law. The corks and the boxes harg all marked with the fire."—Case and Comment.

His Line Not Answered.

A sporting gentleman, meeting an old angler, who was a persevering but unsuccessful hand, asked: "How are the fish in these parts?"

"Well," replied the old man grimly, "I really don't know. I dropped them a line every day last week, but I've got no reply yet."

Just Debts.

"What were the provisions of your uncle's will?"

"I was to have all his cash after the payment of his just debts."

"How generous! What did he leave?"

"Just debts."

Why the Sea is Salt.

The rivers of all the world pour their water into the sea sooner or later. They wash down vast quantities of solid matter and much matter in solution of which the greater part is salt. This may be in such small amount that it is imperceptible in the river. The waters of the seas are evaporated by the sun, but none of the salt is taken up into the clouds. So the water that returns to the earth in rain contains no salt, but by the time it reaches the sea again, after soaking through the soil and flowing down the rivers, it has another load. Consequently the oceans are receiving salt all the time and never giving up any of it.

Gray Versus Brown Camels.

The length of a stage varies throughout Persia, depending on the character of the country, and is reckoned in farsaks, the old Greek parasang. The farsak is a most elastic and uncertain measure, and as animals are paid for per farsak as many as the credulity of the traveler will allow are crowded into each stage. "How far," I once asked an old Kurdish muleteer, "is a farsak?" "As far as one can distinguish a gray from a brown camel," was the discreet answer. They average about four miles and the stage about six farsaks, or twenty-five miles.—Atlantic.

Idiosyncrasy.

Dr. William Babbinton, physician to Guy's hospital in the early years of the last century, was an Irishman. He was described by Sir Astley Cooper as "the most delightful of men." He used to tell of a countryman of his for whom he had prescribed an emetic and who said: "My dear doctor, it is of no use your giving me an emetic. I tried it twice in Dublin, and it would not stay on my stomach either time."—British Medical Journal.

Man and a Carpet.

Clara—I'll give you a conundrum. Why is a man like a carpet?

Tom—I give it up.

Clara—Well, he's no sooner d than people walk all over him.

Tom—Oh, pshaw! Man is tot, unlike a carpet, for the more dust he has the less likely he is to get the shake.—Illustrated Bits.

An Unfortunate Name.

In some cases abbreviating a name improves it. In others it doesn't. For instance, the Tubbees thought they were doing honor to the father of his country, as well as to their firstborn son, whom they named George Washington Tubbs.

But when he grew up the handle proved too long, so everybody dropped the George, shortened up the middle name and called him simply Wash Tubbs.—Judge.

CAN YOU DOUBT IT?

When the Proof Can Be So Easily Investigated.

When so many grateful citizens of Crockett testify to benefit from Doan's Kidney Pills, can you doubt the evidence? The proof is not far away—it is almost at your door. Read what a resident of Crockett says about Doan's Kidney Pills. Can you demand more convincing testimony?

Mrs. N. S. Box, Bruner's Addition, Crockett, Texas, says: "I had been greatly annoyed by attacks of kidney complaint. When I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, I used them as directed and they benefited me in every way. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills from King's Drug Store."

The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Box had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of the Houston County, on the 5th day of November, 1913, by John D. Morgan, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of five hundred twenty-one and 50-100 dollars and costs of suit under a judgment in favor of J. W. Richardson in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5473, and styled J. W. Richardson vs. J. D. Sallas, et al.; placed in my hands for service, I, as sheriff of Houston county, Texas, did, on the 5th day of November, 1913, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston county, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit: About 1 mile S. W. from Crockett, and out of the Frank Johnson League, same being 20 acres of land, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to J. D. Sallas by R. H. Lacy and J. C. Lacy and wife on the 27th day of February, 1911, by deed of that date, which deed is of record in the deed records of Houston county, Texas, in Book No. 60, on page 98, to which deed and record reference is here made for a more complete description, and levied upon as the property of J. D. Sallas, and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1913, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston county, in the city of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution and order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. D. Sallas.

And, in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston county. Witness my hand, this 5th day of November, 1913. A. W. Phillips, Adv. St. Sheriff, Houston county, Texas.

Buy and Use Red Cross Christmas Seals

ONE CENT EACH and thus aid in the movement to secure a County Hospital and Dispensaries in this county for the care of the sick and afflicted. Every seal you buy helps to provide hospitals, dispensaries and visiting nurses for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease.

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—I. W. Sweet. Adv.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Local News.

Get the best—buy it at Woodson's. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McConnell are in Houston.

Tony Gossett of Houston is spending the week here.

Phone 1-5-1 means the best groceries. 2t.

The Courier has old newspapers for sale at 25 cents a hundred.

Stove and house wood for sale, quick delivery.—R. E. Morris. 4t.

W. G. Cartwright was in Houston Wednesday and Thursday.

Try J. B. Byrd with your next cleaning and pressing job.—Adv.

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Miss Willie Belle Neal of Elkhart is visiting relatives in this city.

A complete, up-to-date abstract. tf—adv Aldrich & Crook.

Judge and Mrs. C. M. Ellis announce the arrival of a baby boy.

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Old newspapers for sale at the Courier office at 25 cents a hundred.

L. N. Cooper of Hillsboro sends the Courier his subscription renewal.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams were among the visitors to Houston last week.

Miss Josie Ellis of Palestine is being entertained by Mrs. E. C. Arledge.

Robert Reed Nunn is at home on vacation from Columbia military school.

Mrs. Estelle Wootters and Miss Susie Hall were visitors in Houston last week.

Phone 315 for anything in the building line; prompt delivery.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Try a can of White House coffee, the best on earth. You get it at Woodson's. 2t.

C. M. Smith of Sikeston, Mo., was a pleasant visitor at the Courier office Friday.

D. A. Nunn, Sam Smith and W. W. Aiken returned Sunday night from Houston.

Heinz' fresh bulk pickles—dill, sweet and sour—just arrived at J. D. Woodson's. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clinton spent last week in Houston with James Clinton and family.

Mrs. Huberta Nunn of Houston visited relatives and friends here the first of the week.

You are certain of satisfaction if you order your groceries from Woodson. Phone 1-5-1. 2t.

Let J. B. Byrd order your fall and winter suit. A complete line of samples to select from.—Adv.

Misses Etta and Lillie Belle Hall and Mrs. T. R. Atmar visited in Houston during the carnival.

The Pickwick Barber Shop for first-class work. Cleanliness our hobby. Hot and cold baths.—Adv.

Miss Dell Bright of Trinity, who was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Arledge, left last week to visit in Palestine.

J. W. J. Rains of Route 4 and W. H. Currie of Route 2 were among Saturday's callers at the Courier office.

WANTED—Rough staves, white oak and red oak, ash logs and hickory logs for export. Pay highest prices; give liberal inspection. For specifications, etc., apply to Louis Werner Stave Co., 718 Union National Bank Bldg., Houston, Texas.—Adv. 6t.

School books and school supplies at Chamberlain & Woodall's. Big stock and prices right. Come here first.—Adv.

FOR SALE—1 yoke of oxen, 2 horses, 1 wagon and 1 cultivator. T. J. Alexander, Route 3, Crockett, Texas.—Adv. 3t*

Mesdames A. B. Burton, L. W. Elliott, R. E. McConnell and J. R. Foster returned Wednesday night from Houston.

Let us figure on your lumber bill. Orders filled promptly and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 315.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Rooms to Let.

Two rooms in private home to let, furnished or unfurnished. Apply at Courier office. tf.

J. C. Wootters, Harvey Bayne, Johnnie McConnell and Jay Hall were among the carnival visitors to Houston last week.

Buy your fruit cake ingredients at Woodson's, where it is all fresh. No left overs from last season, nor cold storage stock. 2t.

King's Fru-Nut candies—always on ice—a fresh shipment just received at Chamberlain & Woodall's, the Val-Dona store.—Adv.

Houston county has its fifty-second automobile. W. H. Leediker is the owner of a new Ford touring car and his number is 52.

All the fresh fruit cake ingredients, citron, lemon and orange peel, raisins, currants, dates, figs, etc., just received at J. D. Woodson's.

Miss Alline Foster returned Sunday night from Houston, where she was the recipient of many social courtesies during carnival week.

Wagons and Mules for Sale.

I have for sale two wagons and two pairs of mules. Address me at Latexo, Texas. J. R. Brooks. 2t*

Crockett and Huntsville played football at Crockett Monday afternoon. The home team lost to the visitors by a score of 6 against 26.

John Norton of Creek Route 1 and Jim Fowler of Crockett Route 6 were callers at the Courier office Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Less Than Half Price.

Gin, grist mill and shingle mill. In good condition. Easy terms. Hail and Wilson, Crockett State Bank. tf.

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, on next Sunday will preach his last sermon before leaving for conference.

Mrs. B. S. Elliott, Miss Claritte Elliott, Miss Mac Burton, Miss Nell Beasley and Mrs. J. C. Millar and daughters have returned from their Houston visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. King and children have arrived from Center and will make their home in this city, where Mr. King has engaged in the drug business.

Notice to Cattle Raisers.

I have a fine Jersey bull for the service of the public. Terms, \$250 cash, to be paid at time of service. Apply to D. T. Adair. tf.

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Our stock of drugs and sundries is complete in every detail. It will pay you to see us before you buy. Bring us your prescriptions.

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We are giving away tickets for the automobile contest, every purchase of five cents and upwards entitles you to a vote on the Love-lady Light contest. Ask for votes. 2t. Decuir-Bishop Drug Co.

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Mrs. H. F. Craddock has improved in health at Hot Springs and is expected to return home soon. Miss Emma Craddock is with her mother and Mr. Craddock is expecting to go to Hot Springs to return with them.

Some Potatoes.

H. Durst had on exhibition Monday four sweet potatoes weighing sixteen pounds, the largest weighing five and a half pounds. These potatoes were grown by Mr. Durst on his farm west of town.

Change of Location.

I desire to announce change of location from Belott to Porter Springs, change beginning next week. Will be ready for professional engagements by November 15.—G. R. Taylor, M. D. Adv. 4t*

New Lumber Yard.

We handle everything in the building line; rough and dressed lumber, mouldings, shingles, brick, lime, cement, crushed rock, gravel, sewer pipe, etc. tf.

Presbyterian Ladies' Annual Sale.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will hold its annual sale at the church parlors December 3 from 2:30 to 5 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The patronage of the public is invited.—Adv. 3t.

Lost Mule.

A mouse colored mare mule, five years old, 14 or 15 hands high, branded T on jaw I think, long mane and tail. Inclined to be skittish. Left Latexo October 15. Will pay liberal reward for this mule. Notify A. W. Phillips, sheriff, Crockett, Texas.—2t. H. T. Rodgers.

Excursion Notice.

National Feeders and Breeders' Show, Ft. Worth, Nov. 22 to 29. Popular low rate excursions via I. & G. N., for special days; season excursion tickets on sale daily, with limit Nov. 30. For rates and further particulars, see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway.—Adv. 3t.

Thanksgiving Service.

By agreement with the pastors the Thanksgiving service, on Thursday the 27th, is to be held at the Baptist church. Rev. Trimble is to preach the sermon. The service will be for one hour, from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. The public are cordially invited to attend. S. F. Tenney.

For Children There is Nothing Better.

A cough medicine for children must help their coughs and colds without bad effects on their little stomachs and bowels. Foley's Honey and Tar exactly fills this need. No opiates, no sour stomach, no constipation follows its use. Stuffy colds, wheezy breathing, coughs and croup are all quickly helped.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

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The Crockett Ice, Electric Light and Power Company has brought in a new well of water near its plant at the crossing of Public avenue and the railroad. The water from this well will be used in the manufacture of ice and the old water supply abandoned.

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District Court.

John Williams, burglary; four years in penitentiary without parole.
Joe Watson, murder; five years in penitentiary without parole.
Jim Hearn, criminal assault; twenty-five years in penitentiary without parole.
Handy Black, burglary; five years in penitentiary, but case appealed.

Pain in Back and Rheumatism

Torment thousands of people daily. Don't be one of these sufferers when for so little cost you can get well rid of the cause. Foley Kidney Pills begin their good work from the very first dose. They exert so direct an action on the kidneys and bladder that the pain and torment of backache, rheumatism and kidney trouble is soon dispelled.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

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We want you to come in and inspect our line of the latest odors in Perfumes and Toilet Waters, which are sure to please the most exacting.

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We have a large stock of hair brushes, ladies' dressing combs and manicure sets at moderate prices.

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Jury Commissioners.

The men whose names appear below have been sitting as a board of jury commissioners this week: I. A. Daniel, G. R. Murchison and B. E. Goodrum. They were appointed by District Judge John S. Prince.

Crockett People Visit Indiana.

County Commissioners C. H. Beazley, Charles Long, J. T. Knox and M. B. Matchett and County Clerk O. C. Gbedwin, representing Houston county, and J. C. Lacy, representing the Greenberg Iron Works of Terre Haute, Ind., returned Sunday night from a trip to Terre Haute. The purpose of the trip was to inspect the bridges, culverts and road machinery manufactured by the Greenberg Iron Works. The trip was made at the solicitation of the manufacturing company, who bore all expenses. This time was selected on account of the Indiana corn show held at Terre Haute.

Prospecting for Oil.

In the western part of Houston county, near the Trinity river, boring for oil has been started. Also in the eastern part of this county, near the Neches river, another oil well is being sunk. And Mr. H. G. Bradley and associates of Pennington are arranging to put down a well on Tyler prairie. Mr. Bradley and some of his company were in Crockett Monday and Tuesday making arrangements to begin work right away. Three companies in the county ought to find the oil if there is any to be found. Let the good work proceed. Who knows but what some "gushers" may be brought in?

Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cochran are attending the Southern Baptist convention at Dallas this week.

Miss Verne Monday returned Saturday night from an extended visit to friends in Waco, Marlin and Stephenville.

Miss Stella Niisse spent a few days in Galveston with her sister, Miss Lillian Niisse.

Mrs. John Ham returned from a visit to relatives in Waco. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Williams, and little son.

Mrs. Earle Cooper and children of Brookshire are guests of Mrs. T. B. Perry.

Mrs. Ben Schultz of Trinity was the guest of Mrs. C. C. Murray for the week end.

Russell Murray was a carnival visitor to Houston last week.

Mrs. Otis Joplin of Trinity came up Friday and spent a while with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Dent.

Mrs. W. T. Bruton and little son, W. T. Jr., and Miss Mary Belle Robinson spent ten days in Shreveport, La., with friends and attending the fair.

Rev. A. L. Carnes of Conroe, former pastor of the M. E. church at this place, spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. Hogg, mother of Mrs. J. H. Wakefield and Mrs. W. F. Rayburn, died very suddenly with heart failure Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Wakefield. The remains were laid to rest in Lovelady cemetery Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Cravens of Grapeland. Mrs. Hogg was 75 years

old and leaves three daughters and a son to mourn her death.

Mrs. Susan Kelley and Miss Vera Ellisor went to Houston Friday, Miss Ellisor returning Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Lunsford of Austin was called to Lovelady by the death of her mother, Mrs. Hogg.

Mrs. K. D. Lawrence is in Port St. Jo, Fla., with her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Sherman Jr.

HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

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The system of road building which had been used, stimulated and nursed, probably, by the fact that there were those who thought that they could do better work and for less money to the district—another instance of the time honored controversy between those who were on the job and those who wanted to get on it. It was at this point that we find the proceedings quoted above, in which the commissioners' court takes the extraordinary step, not only of discharging the superintendent and advisory board, but also of abolishing, utterly, the office of superintendent which is so clearly provided for by the law and takes control of the job themselves.

We do not assume to express any opinion as to what prompted the court to take control of this road building, directing the work, making contracts, purchasing supplies, approving all bills and assuming full control.

By reading section 5 of the special road law already referred to, it will be seen that there is no authority for this action—on the contrary the court is expressly inhibited from having anything to do with the road building and expending the money. It occurs to your committee that from this date on, all work done and all money expended by, through and under the direction and control of the commissioners' court was done without warrant of law and in plain contravention of the plain mandate of the special road law—to say nothing of the fact that three of the commissioners did not live within the road district and did not pay one cent of the bonded debt incurred by the taxpayers.

They had just as much right to step in and take charge of the road building and money spending of the Grapeland district when bonds were sold as they had in Road District No. 3, but we see no record of where they sought to control the work and expend the money of that road district—none whatever.

We have given the number of miles of road worked by the advisory board and the cost per mile. When the commissioners' court assumed control there was on hand to the credit of Road District No. 3, the sum of \$83,123.12. On November 1, 1913, the balance on hand amounted to \$7,657.49, making the total expended by the commissioners' court on roads \$75,465.63. With this sum expended they worked 26 miles of road at a cost per mile of \$2,902.00. This leaves approximately 15 miles of road that has not been worked at all.

We referred above to charges of extravagance and insinuations of graft current during the administration of the advisory board and we are strongly of the opinion that much better results and a greater per cent of efficiency might have been reaped if instead of the advisory board, or in cooperation therewith, an altogether different system of road building had been applied as the law directed under the supervision and control of a competent road engineer as superintendent.

When the commissioners' court took control there came trooping in from all directions, those seeking jobs at road building and at the

most exorbitant figures possible to get. Charges of graft and extravagance ran riot and on all sides could be heard insinuations that the money was going and a low percentage of efficiency given the district in return. Gossip of this character was rife on the streets and could be heard on all sides. During this period the commissioners' court was sitting as a board of equalization and it was noticed that two of the commissioners came in regularly every morning to sit on the board. It was also noticed that after the court adjourned in the afternoon they returned. It became known that they had been employed in some capacity by those engaged in road building, though it was not known just what was the nature of this employment.

Their names did not appear on any of the payrolls as being employed and paid. This fact caused more criticism and prompted further inquiry. Your committee went to the commissioners' minutes and discovered that during this period when these commissioners (Matchett and Lively) were drawing compensation from road contractors, for doing nothing, as the evidence shows, they were also in attendance on the commissioners' court and drawing pay for sitting as members of this court.

The minutes show that Commissioner Matchett drew pay for sitting as a member of the commissioners' court and board of equalization and at the same time we find that he was receiving pay from road contractors at the rate of \$80.00 per month in money and in addition thereto board for self and horse, amounting in all to \$110.00 per month. The minutes show further that Commissioner Lively drew pay for court attendance, \$3.00 per day, and at same time received compensation from road contractor at \$50.00 per month in money, also board for self and mule, equal in all to \$80.00 per month paid Commissioner Lively by road contractor.

While these two commissioners were being paid the amounts per month above stated, they were in attendance on court, as shown by the minutes, 44 and 45 days respectively. During the period when they were drawing \$3.00 per day from the court and one of them \$80.00 per month and the other \$110.00 per month from road contractors, they each drew \$50.00 road ex officio. The facts above given are established by the minutes of the court and by the evidence of witnesses who testified under oath.

The Evidence.

I. A. Daniel, being sworn, said: "I agreed to pay Matchett \$40.00 per month. Later I had a talk with J. H. Smith, who was working on another road and who was, I understood, paying Matchett \$75.00 per month. After my talk with Smith we agreed to split the sum between us and pay him \$40.00 each. Later I got kinder dubious and had Matchett make statement of what I owed him. Don't know whether Matchett deducted for days he served as commissioner. When Matchett came to me after I had quit road work for a final settlement, I told him I did not know whether it was right for him to accept pay for days he drew pay for court attendance and told him that he would have to make a statement of what I owed him before I would pay him any more—that I might have to do some swearing about it and if I do I am going to tell the truth. Matchett later brought me statement which I approved, and which I sent to Arch Baker for him to pay."

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