

Other morning at Waco by cutting
throat.

THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

VENEZUELA.

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

Regarded as a Satisfactory One—
Something About the Gentlemen
Composing It—Will Enter On
Their Duties Soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Cleveland to-night announced the appointment of the Venezuelan commission as follows: David J. Brewer of Kansas, justice United States supreme court; Richard H. Alvey of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White of New York, and Daniel C. Gilman of Maryland.

The commission is regarded here, among those who had an opportunity to see the list of names after they were made public, as a very satisfactory one, whose opinions and conclusions will be received by the American public with that confidence which the standing of the members of the commission in the public eye inspires. Justice Brewer is a republican in politics and about 58 years of age. He is a graduate of Yale and has spent considerable time in the practice of his profession in Kansas, where he filled a number of judicial offices. In 1884 he was appointed circuit court judge of the United States for the Eighth district, and was appointed associate justice of the supreme court in December, 1889, by President Harrison.

Richard H. Alvey is a democrat in politics and a man of marked legal ability. It was the great reputation he gained as judge in the Maryland courts which led President Cleveland, in the absence of political influence, on Judge Alvey's part, to appoint him to the position of chief justice of the court of appeals of the district. He is about 60 years of age.

Andrew D. White is a republican in politics. He is one of the best known men of letters in this country and perhaps in the world; is an author and historian, and has been president of Cornell university. Mr. White was appointed minister to Russia by President Harrison, and this position he held through Mr. Harrison's administration and for a year or more during Mr. Cleveland's administration.

Frederick Coudert is a democrat in politics and is one of the best known members of the bar in New York. Mr. Coudert was one of the counsel for the United States on the Bering sea question, and in that capacity made one of the most eloquent and effective speeches delivered in behalf of the American contentions.

The last named member of the commission, Daniel C. Gilman, president of the Johns Hopkins university, is well known as an authority on international law. He was at one time president of the university of California, and was later called to take up the work of organization of the university of which he is now at the head. One of his principal acquisitions is the mastery of the science of physical geography, he having studied in Germany under a prominent instructor and in this country under Gnyot. He is the author of a life of President Monroe. Mr. Gilman has never figured prominently in politics. At the white house it is stated that he has no politics, but his republicanism is understood to be public.

The two great parties, it will be seen, are equally represented on the commission, with the fifth member having no outspoken politics.

All of the above-mentioned will accept the places to which they have been appointed, and are expected to assemble in Washington as soon as practicable, with a view to their swearing in and entering upon this work. The appointments are in compliance with a resolution passed in congress at the request of President Cleveland, and the work of the commissioners will be to examine and collect evidence with a view to determining the true divisional line between Venezuela and British Guiana.

The conclusions reached by the commission will be referred to the president for his information in connection with any further communication between this government and Great Britain in connection with the boundary line dispute between the latter country and Venezuela.

Looks Like the End.

Havana, Jan. 4.—Unless all indications are misleading, the end of the Cuban insurrection is at hand, and the result, it would seem, must be in favor of the insurgents, whose armies under Maximo Go-

mez, Antonio Maceo and Quintin Bandera, are nearing the city from three different directions.

These facts, so frequently denied in official circles during the last two weeks, are now generally admitted, even in official circles. Although all sorts of lame explanations of the triumphant advance of the Cubans are put forth in the hope of calming public excitement, no amount of explanation will alter the fact that the insurgent cavalry acouts are believed to have been sighted from here this morning. As these advance bodies of the Cubans were at Tapaste, 18 miles from Guanabaco, practically a suburb of this city, last night, it is by no means improbable that the reports that the Cuban scouts have been sighted from the lines defending Havana, is correct.

It is no longer a cry of "On to Havana!" from the Cubans. They are here, slowly but surely surrounding this capital, after a triumphant march from the eastern end of Santiago de Cuba to the capital of this island in spite of all the best troops of Spain could do to prevent them.

Primary Election Law.

The 24th legislature, last spring, passed the following law to punish frauds in primaries:

Sec. 1. Any person voting at any primary election called and held by authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such party for any public office, who is not qualified to vote in the election precinct where he offers to vote at the next state, county or municipal election, or who shall vote more than once at the same or different precincts or polls on the same day, or different days in the same primary election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Every person who shall knowingly procure any illegal vote to be cast in such primary election shall be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as provided in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. Any presiding officer, manager, judge or clerk of any primary election called and held by authority of any political party in this state, who shall knowingly make or cause to be made or returned a false statement of the result of any such primary election, shall be punished as in section 1.

Sec. 4. Any presiding officer, judge, clerk or other officer of any election who shall divulge how any person voted at such primary election from an inspection of the ticket, unless in a judicial investigation, shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars.

Sec. 5. If any person shall bribe or offer to bribe any presiding officer, manager, judge or clerk of any primary election called by the authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such party for public offices, as a consideration for some act to be done or enacted, contrary to his duty in relation to such primary election, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Sec. 6. If any person shall bribe or offer to bribe any voter for the purpose of influencing his vote at any primary election called and held by authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such party for public office, he shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Passed with the emergency clause and approved April 7th, 1895.

TEXAS POPULISTS SCORED.

A Lamar County Editor Denounces Them as Scoundrels.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 4.—A sensation in political circles was created today by the publication of a card by J. D. Bullington, editor of the North Texas Review, the Populist organ of Lamar County, which moved this week to Cooper, Delta County. Mr. Bullington says the paper was established on promises of support by the Populists, which they have failed to give, and that many acted dishonestly by not paying what was justly due it. He intimated strongly that he has had his fill of the Populists and declares that he will hereafter work for his interests. In an interview he said: "The failure to sustain the Review is the deathknell to populism in Lamar County, which is pivotal county of the Fourth Congressional District. It is idle to talk of electing a Populist to Congress now, as the Democrats will have a walk-over. I have devoted two years of my life to working for populism, and I have got my fill. Hereafter I am going to work for Bullington. The scoundrels will not do as much as to pay what they justly owe."

Those from Huntsville were Miss Fannie Daniel, niece of Senator Daniel of Virginia, Misses Ava Wynne, Robbie Bush, Eva Bush, Mrs. A. E. King, Mrs. L. B. Robinson, Mrs. L. P. Tanner, Mrs. D. Eastham, Mr. Luther Eastham, Mr. A. B. Foster, Mr. W. L. Hayden, Mr. T. W. Oliphant, Mr. H. Eastham, Colonel A. T. McKinney, Seth Gay and the genial and able editor of the Huntsville Item, F. B. Robinson. We also noted as being present Mrs. Willie Ripley of Waco and J. P. Hall of Leon Co.; J. P. Gant, N. M. Rayburn, Thomas Phipps, and Miss Della Rayburn of Lovelady; J. C. Downes of Philadelphia; Mrs. Wm. Buck of San Antonio; and Dr. Smith Wootters of Dalv.

The Cochrane is indebted to a lady friend for courtesies in the following description of the ladies' costumes, remarking by the way that omissions, if there be any, are an oversight:

The K. P. Reception.

We haven't space for more than a brief write-up of the Knights of Pythias' reception on New Year eve's night. These entertainments are always looked forward to with more than usual interest, and each succeeding one eclipses the former one in point of brilliant surroundings and charming settings. The committees had all done their work well and there was not a hitch in the uniformly smooth consummation of every part of the program.

The weather was bright and bracing, ideally perfect in every respect, as though ordered for the occasion. A large number of invitations had been issued and by 8 o'clock the guests of the evening began to arrive. The reception room of the K. P. hall was thronged in a short while. The guests began then to file into the council hall which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Here an elegant luncheon was served and the tables kept spread and filled with every delicacy which the season furnished, until midnight. From the luncheon room a bridge had been built over the roof of an adjoining building to the opera hall where the ball opened at 9 o'clock. A band for the occasion was on hand from Galveston. The scene here was one of inspiration and enchantment, irresistibly so, for we noted the presence of many of our people of staid habits and rather ascetic views touching the attractions of the ball room. Excellent music, beautiful women, brilliant costumes, flashing diamonds and the poetry of motion as shown in the graceful waltzing of pretty girls and gallant men, presented a spectacle which would have called forth applause from the most soured recluse and moved to admiration the most confirmed anchorite. There were present those representing almost every calling and profession except the military, and not a few were present who stood high in the councils of the church. But they were there as spectators merely, indulging in the harmless and innocent pastime of listening to the strains of sweet music, gazing with admiration on pretty women or indulging in entertaining and elevating conversation, thinking no evil and doing none, little dreaming that the scourge of excommunication would be brandished at them from one of the pulpits on the Sunday following.

And thus the evening sped on, courteous knights and those who were not of the order, striving to make the occasion memorable for their refined pleasures. Nothing occurred that the writer witnessed or heard of to disturb the enjoyment of those in attendance. All seemed to enjoy the festivities—not alone those who with spirit skill could thread the mystic mazes of the most difficult figures as though they had been instructed in the school of Terpsichore herself, but those who for the first time in life or for the first time in half a score of years or who did not attempt it at all, got about as much pleasure out of the evening's entertainment as the more expert ones who swung or turned their partners with easy and exquisite grace. Among the visitors present were quite a number from our sister city of Huntsville. There has always existed between Crockett and Huntsville a spirit of reciprocal cordiality and hospitality, and these relations, therefore so pleasant, were never more so than on the occasion of which we write. The young ladies of Crockett, always and on all occasions, beautiful, engaging and charming, will not begrudge their accomplished sisters from Huntsville the merited compliment which we bestow upon them when we say that their presence lent to the occasion exceptional beauty and grace and a fascination that not a few of Crockett's cavaliers found it impossible to resist.

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The Leap Year Party.

(Continued.)

The young ladies of Crockett celebrated the arrival of leap year in a most charming manner at the residence of A. LeGory, Esq., on Thursday evening the 2nd.

The young ladies taking the initiative, making their respective engagements with the young men and calling for them and in every respect giving the young men an object lesson in matters polite. Thus we had the unique spectacle of most beautiful and accomplished young ladies assisting their blushing escorts with their wraps and into carriages and wheeling away to the rendezvous where, probably, more than one young man listened with tuned heart beat to declarations of love, and where there was many a tete-a-tete, music and ripping the light fantastic. At about 11 o'clock there was lunch presided over by the young ladies, with the grace of queens. The leap year party was a successful and most enjoyable occasion.

Those present were, Messrs. (?) N. Breittling, Virginia Gaddy, Narcisela Bayne, Daisy Custer, Hattie E. Arledge, Annie Wall, Ethel Wootters, Lucy May Baker, Lucia Wootters, Grace Smith, Minnie Bruner, Bessie Bensley, Anella Miller, Clara Hardin, Hattie Stokes, Mary Wootters, Hattie Woodward, Pierson, Reba Miller.

Misses (?) Louis Harring, Earl Adams, Harry Castleberg, Corli Stokes, Carroll Towne, A. Downes, Jim Asa Smith, Frank Edmiston, Jr., Geo. Aldrich, Robt. Aldrich, Johnnie Miller, Walker King, Sydney Murchison, Jas. Shivers, Chas. Shivers, Jere Crook, Dan Craddock, A. Murchison, T. Self, M. Tolman, Shep Peck.

Miss Robbie Bush—Blue crepon and blue velvet trimmings of silver passementerie.

in, lace and passementerie trimmings, diamond ornaments.

Miss. Ava Wynne—Turquoise blue velvet, gold lace and jewel trimmings, diamond ornaments.

Miss. Fannie Daniel—Gown of crepe de chine, trimmings chiffon, diamond ornaments.

Mrs. L. P. Tanner—White satin, pearl trimmings, diamonds.

Mrs. A. E. King—Pink silk and chiffon, jet trimmings.

Mrs. F. B. Robinson—Yellow silk and chiffon, jet trimmings.

Mrs. William Buck—White silk, pearl passementerie.

Mrs. D. Eastham—Gown of black satin and jet trimmings, diamonds.

Miss. Pearson of Bornett—Blue satin gown, pearl passementerie trimmings, diamonds.

Mrs. F. H. Ripley of Waco—Tan taffeta silk, jewel and velvet trimmings, diamonds.

Miss. Keane of Forney—White silk, black velvet trimmings.

Mrs. John Spence—White silk, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Mrs. R. E. McConnell—Gown of grey "bouche," jewel passementerie trimmings.

Mrs. John R. Sheridan—Black silk, white chiffon trimmings.

Mrs. John M. Dunn—Pink silk, black lace and ribbon trimmings.

Mrs. R. D. King—Pink silk, black velvet and lace trimmings.

Mrs. Crabtree—White silk with point lace and ribbon trimmings.

Mrs. Geo. Crook—Blue silk, chiffon trimmings.

Mrs. W. E. Mayes—Black silk, jet trimmings.

Mrs. Bertha Wootters—Black silk, jet and lace trimmings.

Mrs. John Mangum—Black silk.

Miss. Allen Newton—Black silk.

Miss. Esther McConnell—Brown bouche, jewel trimmings.

Miss. Hattie Belle Arledge—White silk, blue velvet and pearl trimmings, ornaments diamonds.

Miss. Grace Smith—White silk mull, pearl and point lace trimmings, diamonds.

Miss. Mary Wootters—White satin, pearl trimmings.

Miss. Bertha Mangum—Red crepon, velvet and passementerie trimmings.

Miss. Bessie Bensley—Blue satin and flowers.

Miss. Sue Craddock—White silk, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Miss. Minnie Craddock—White silk, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Miss. Adele Bruner—Red crepon, and black velvet trimmings.

Miss. Minnie Bruner—White silk, pink flowers.

Miss. D. Custer—Blue satin, chiffon trimmings.

Miss. Ethel Wootters—White satin, pearl trimmings.

Miss. Reba Miller—White silk, ribbon and lace trimmings.

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The Capitol Hotel entertained a large number of friends on New Year's night, complimentary to Mr. Wm. Buck. A splendid supper was served. Among those present we note the following: Cliff White, Paris; Dr. H. J. Jarrell, San Antonio; Chas. H. Ebert, B. B. Schram, Chas. Kennedy, A. S. Monroe, Galveston; A. T. McKimney, W. L. Hayden, A. B. Foster, Mrs. A. E. King, Miss Bush, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tanner, T. W. Oliphant, F. B. Robinson, Huntsville; N. M. Rayburn, Lovelady; Geo. Stenzel, Philadelphia. The menu was as follows:

Broiled Oysters on Toast. Celery. Roast Quail Stuffed with Bacon. Julian Potatoes. Turkey, Beef, Ham, SALAD. Chicken, Salmon. PASTRY. Assorted Cake, Charlotte Russe. Wine and Brandy Jelly. DESSERT. Assorted Nuts, Raisins, Fancy Candy. Cheese, Crackers, Calf Sate.

A SCRAPPING PARSON.

He Tackles Him in the Pulpit and Comes to Grief.

Cincinnati—The Rev. Andrew Jackson, pastor of the Queen City Avenue Baptist church, weighs on ly 120 pounds. But backed by right and the courage of the righteous, it was enough to punish a 200-pound furniture who invaded the pulpit to "lick" the preacher.

The sermon was just about to end when Harrison Robinson, a notorious character, slightly intoxicated, walked down the aisle and up into the pulpit, demanding that the preacher apologize for some remark which the minister, Robinson claimed, had made about him. Jackson told the fellow to remember it was Sunday, that he was desecrating the Lord's house and advised him to go home until the next day.

Robinson didn't care about Sunday or the Lord's house; he was after trouble. Seeing this, the minister informed the audience that a devil had come and it was his duty to put him down.

Making a straight pass the little preacher knocked the outlaw to the pulpit floor, fell on him and beat the fellow so hard his face bled. Robinson was fairly game, and fought hard, but the man of God was a scrapper himself, and when Robinson finally gave in his face looked like a Frankfurter sausage. A policeman was sent for and a patrol wagon took the victim to a hospital. All the congregation had remained, and a great crowd had collected on the outside.

The preacher removed the blood stains from his hands and the sweat from his brow. To the congregation he said:

"It was an unpleasant duty and required a very considerable outlay of physical power; but it was necessary. He was Goliath and I only David, with two good fists. Let us pray."

In the police court the next day Robinson's case was continued until the swelled face becomes less offensive to the sight.

HOUSTON COUNTY

AND ITS

INDUCEMENTS

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1-2 degrees North; longitude 95 1-2 degrees West; 113 miles North of Houston and 163 miles North of the Neches and on the West by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the State, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land. The population is 25,000. Of this number 17,000 are white and 8,000 colored; foreign born less than 1,000.

Debt and tax rate are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated.

RAILROADS. The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs North and South through the center of the county; the Trinity Southern (Cotton Belt) near the Eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is projected through the Southwest part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being surveyed and partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

SCHOOLS. Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the State of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free schools six months in the year. The county has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state, makes an available school fund for the county of \$30,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first class school furnishings.

CHURCHES. All churches are represented and the different denominations have facilities equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed in the old states.

WATER. The county is plentifully supplied with water for all purposes. An abundance of good water can be secured in any part of the county. At short distances there are never-failing streams of pure water, which furnish power sufficient for manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

SOILS. We have the greatest variety of soils adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zone. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of other kinds. Nine tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved agricultural implements.

Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation, and the balance of 580,000 acres is virgin prairie and forest.

TIMBER. The timber in Houston county is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long leaf and short leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply: holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry, and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Fort Worth, Houston county was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any other using hard wood, would do well here. Fine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

FRUIT. The soil of Houston county is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruits and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affect the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown without trouble.

STAPLE PRODUCTS

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn twenty to thirty bushels; sweet and Irish potatoes two to four hundred bushels and ribbon cane produces from two to four hundred gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grown in the greatest abundance.

The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco grown. We have recently tried the GENUINE HAVANA tobacco and find that, when the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing forty to fifty cts. per pound in the New York market.

In 1894 Houston County produced 30,000 bales of cotton, 900,000 bushels of corn, more first class ribbon-cane syrup than could be used at home, and enough meat for home use. Besides these crops, oats, sorghum, peas, hay and peanuts enough to fatten all stock on hand through the winter.

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Joe Long has been quite sick.

Robert Nunn has been on a visit to Corsicana.

Seed oats at Arledge, Kennedy & Co's.

Miss Mary Wootters has been quite sick.

H. F. Moore went to Fort Worth Wednesday night.

Plow tools all kinds, at Arledge, Kennedy & Co's.

O. D. Faubion and family are going to move to Velasco.

W. J. Marchison of Lovelady was in town Monday.

J. H. Ratliff was in town last Saturday.

H. C. Castleberg is on a trip to San Antonio.

G. E. Darsey of Grapeland was in to see us Friday last.

Miss Mollie Parker of Lovelady, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Fifer, in this city.

The Teachers' Institute for the county will meet in Crockett tomorrow.

Dr. W. B. Collins and A. Thompson of Lovelady, were in town Monday.

C. R. Brannen of Lovelady was a guest of the Capitol at the reception on New Year's day.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant.

J. B. Fifer, Manager.

Frank Chamberlain is going to have a double-deck veranda built on the south side of his brick store.

A protest from the business men and citizens generally, will go up to the proper authorities about the telegraph office.

John E. Albright spent a few days with relatives. He is now living in Houston in the installment business.

Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25c.

J. B. Fifer, Manager.

Coll. Aldrich has a lot of fruit trees that were left with him to dispose of at 10c each.

T. H. Holcomb, George Cutler, Henry Holcomb, Josh Young and John Childress, of Augusta, spent Tuesday in Crockett on business.

Dr. W. C. Miller of Tadmor, was in town Wednesday. He is just up from a severe spell of pneumonia.

E. E. Hail has moved to the country and J. W. Hail will occupy the former's residence until the latter's is completed.

Board by day, week or month at New Restaurant, only first-class one in city.

J. B. Fifer, Manager.

J. W. Hail is going to build a handsome residence for himself on corner of lot east of house now occupied by Allen Newton.

There are strangers on the streets every day prospecting. We hear of one today whose time is nearly all occupied writing and acknowledging deeds.

Mrs. Mollie Whitley and son, Bailey, of Sheridan, who have been the guests of Mrs. J. W. Madden during the Christmas holidays, returned home last Saturday.

Tom Neims, a very worthy and much respected young man, died Sunday afternoon. He was taken sick Friday night last with pneumonia. His remains were buried Monday.

W. H. Denny has bought out and moved the stock of merchandise assigned by J. M. Dunn. A bakery will be opened up in the brick formerly occupied by Dunn.

The Daniel postoffice has been discontinued for a while. Subscribers to the COURIER at that office will get their papers at the Crockett postoffice.

The Houston Ice and Brewing Co. are going to erect an ice and beer depot near railroad station. The building will be 24x36 and will be in charge of F. F. Fifer.

CASH! CASH!

DO NOT FORGET TO CALL AND PRICE. Just arrived in Car Lots.

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R. M. ATKINSON.

J. W. Goodwin was in town Wednesday.

R. H. Furlow of Creek, was in town Monday.

Misses Minnie Caverhill and Laura Dunnam are visiting friends in Lovelady.

There is talk of putting in an ice factory in connection with the oil mill.

F. G. Edmiston has been in attendance on Federal grand jury at Tyler this week in connection with the Curry Conner case.

Now is the time to set shade trees. Every house owner in the city should pay attention to this. Most Dickson is taking jobs of this kind and is doing good work.

The Third Party man who was elected constable in the Weches precinct, vacated his office by moving. Like all the cops, he had no use for an office that didn't pay handsomely. The commissioners' court has filled the vacancy by the appointment of a sterling democrat, J. B. Womack.

The commissioners' court at their regular term in February will in all probability establish a general election box at Tadmor. The people there have long needed one, many of them heretofore not going to the election at all or having to ride as much as eight or ten miles to vote.

F. M. Campbell and W. L. Wilcox have bought Tom Tunstall's place south of town, giving him \$1000 in money and the Campbell place in Crockett (valued at \$1000) for 100 acres with improvements.

Campbell and Wilcox will run a dairy farm. Tom Tunstall will move to Crockett and become a plowman along with the "Old Lady."

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nagle, with their sister, Miss Mary Nagle, entertained a number of their young friends Friday evening last. The game of "Progressive Words" was played and prizes awarded the best players. J. M. Crook and Miss Ethel Wootters were the prize winners. Luncheon, presided over by a most engaging hostess, was daintily served at eleven.

A copy of the Houston Post Almanac for 1896 has been received at this office for which we return thanks. This almanac is a compact book of more than 400 pages full of information, statistical and other wise, on a vast variety of subjects, and its utility, especially in a newspaper office can hardly be exaggerated. It is a reservoir of useful knowledge in most convenient form and the Post has conferred a benefit upon its patrons in issuing such a book.

One day last week the cops had a quiet meeting over at Hotel La Rue. There were present, Polk Taylor, Billy Driskell, A. M. Rencher, J. R. Bennett, Mat Mills, John Briester, Turner High and a few others. There was a great deal of quiet spivagating, hobnobbing, wink-winking, etc. An outsider would have pronounced it a gathering of lost spirits, but those participating no doubt thought that the fate of the republic depended on their counsels.

Those in charge have reset for the fourth time some of the shade trees in Acadamy campus. Drouth, school children, fire, stock and general indifference have played havoc with the most of those set the first time. It would seem that the teachers, or some of them at least, could exercise a more careful supervision of the trees. And it should be borne in mind that by the order of the council a committee of citizens have control of the grounds for the purpose of protecting the trees.

The COURIER has never failed to speak a good word for Grapeland, its enterprise and growth, and has taken a pride in doing and saying all it could to promote the ends for which its public spirited citizens are striving. With all these favors and courtesies extended this town by this paper, it would seem that a spirit of reciprocal courtesy would have prompted the business men of the town to give the COURIER their printing, but it seems that such a law does not hold up there. The most of them give their work to Palestine. And such is life and such is human nature. We are proud to know and to note that Lovelady treats this paper with more consideration.

There is a strong sentiment in this county in favor of J. W. Madden as candidate for nomination for district judge. Mr. Madden is not disposed to thrust himself on the party, but says that if the party is satisfied that he is the man to make the race, his name can be used by his friends. There is no question that if he announces he can get the endorsement of the democrats of this county and carry the county in the general election against J. R. Burnett or any one else.

Presbyterian Church Statistics.

Rev. S. F. Tenney's sermon on Sunday last was devoted almost exclusively to a review of his church work accomplished in Crockett and county by his church during his pastorate of twenty-five years, ending on Sunday last. We give below some of the data submitted by him: Sermons preached 2855; marriage ceremonies performed 87; funeral services 193; churches organized 10; baptized 216 children and 165 adults; members received into Crockett and other Presbyterian churches in county by profession 302, by letter 299, of whom 313 were received into the Crockett church. Pastoral visits made, about 10,000; miles traveled by private conveyances, about 25,000 miles; letters written, about 10,000; literature circulated, about 1000 bibles and testaments and about 1000 other religious books. Twenty-five years ago there was only one Presbyterian church in the county, to-day there are 13.

R. F. Tax.

The I. & G. N. R. R. rendered their property in this county at about \$7500 per mile. The commissioners' court raised it to \$12,000 per mile. The tax, state and county, on the figures fixed by the court, was \$4282.02. The road sent a draft for \$2893.55 which would have been the tax at their own rendition, and refused to pay more. Tax collector Sheridan refused to receive the latter as a full settlement, but only in part. The R. R. anticipating that the collector would proceed to attach property, had the papers drawn for an injunction, but held them up pending proceedings looking to an adjustment. The commissioners' court will meet in special session to-day (Friday) for the purpose of considering the matter. We are not able to state what will be done. The chances are that the case will go to the courts.

Cotton.

According to Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, the cotton situation is as follows: Visible supply for the past four years on January 3rd, 1896, 4,093,920 bales; 1895, 4,872,522 bales; 1894, 4,615,162 bales; 1893, 4,413,177 bales. It will be seen from this that visible supply of cotton in the world is 778,602 bales less than last year, 521,242 bales less than in 1894 and 319,257 bales less than in 1893. The amount of cotton of the present crop marketed to date is 2,094,166 bales less than last crop, 570,645 bales less than crop of '94 and 145,263 bales more than crop of '93. The following is the price of cotton in New York, basis middling, on Jan. 3rd for four years past: 1896, 8 5-16 cents; 1895, 5 11-16 cents; 1894, 8 cents; 1893 9 7-8 cents. Latham, Alexander & Co. think cotton will not go any lower, but that there will be a material advance later on.

An Old Soldier's Recommendation.

In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhoea. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me any relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this preparation to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. Bending, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

Snakes in January.

A gentleman was accompanying some young ladies to the K P reception on New Year's night, the first of January of course. It was cold enough for ice-cream to be hanging from the houses, the ground was frozen and frosty particles of ice gleamed in the cheerless moonshine. All at once one of the young ladies pulled loose and screamed vociferously in upper "C". The rest of the crowd were paralyzed at the unusual proceeding. As soon as the young lady recovered she exclaimed, "look at that snake". On investigation it proved to be a weed about the size of the young ladies little finger lying in the path. Snakes in January.

Notice in Administration.

Whereas letters of administration upon the estate of John H. Stuart, deceased, were granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of Houston county on the 10 day of August, 1895, all persons holding claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law.

W. B. PAKE, Administrator estate of John H. Stuart, Crockett, Texas.

SMITH & FRENCH. DRUGGISTS.

Watch this space, S. H. OWENS, The Grocery Man.

Coming.

Dr. R. M. Vick will be in Crockett on January 15th, to take charge of Dr. H. J. Cunyus' office.

For Sale.

The Lady Downes Resident property—2 acres of land under new fence, two story residence, out-houses and well. J. C. WALL.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

Lost or Strayed.

One sorrel horse 9 years old, 15 hands high, stocking footed; one black mare about five years old, 13 1/2 hands high. Will pay two and half dollars for delivery.

M. BROMBERG, Crockett.

Bucklen's Arnick Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Notice.

I hereby give notice to the public of Crockett and vicinity, that I am employed by the Crockett Cemetery Association to do all work that is to be done in the cemetery. I will also dig graves on lowest terms from \$1.50 to \$4.00. I can be found at all hours at cemetery or in town. Patronage solicited.

WESLEY TRUES.

Administrator's Notice.

Whereas on the 6th day of Nov. 1896, letters of administration upon the estate of Sam and Emaline Davenport, deceased, were granted by the probate court of Houston county, Texas, to the undersigned, therefore all persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly authenticated, to me within the time prescribed by law.

M. BROMBERG, Administrator Estate of Sam and Emaline Davenport, Crockett, Texas.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Callorette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was able to get about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house either without it. Get a free trial at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store."

Cure For Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headache yields to its influences. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tonic to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only Fifty cents. B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

Office of Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company.

Georgetown, Texas, Dec. 6, 1895.

To the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company: Notice is hereby given, by order of the board of directors of this company, passed at a meeting of said board held this day, that the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company is called to meet at the company's office in Georgetown, Texas, on Saturday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of receiving reports of the company's officers, electing directors of the company to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other purposes as may properly come before the stockholders.

Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1895.

D. H. SNYDER, Acting President.

Attest: EDWARD E. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

J. C. Wootters & Co.,

Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY, All kinds of Agricultural Implements and Hardware. Also constantly on hand a large ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES. CALL AND SEE US.

Union prayer meetings are being held this week at the different churches. Monday and Thursday nights at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday and Friday nights at the Methodist and Wednesday and Saturday nights at the Baptist.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and LaGrippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day. Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25c. For sale by Smith & French.

E. E. PARKER of Lovelady has opened a first-class SMITH and WOOD SHOP in Crockett on Post Office Street. He will do all kinds of SMITH and WOOD work under guaranty. All kinds of REPAIR WORK done on buggies, wagons etc. and at very reasonable figures. Horses shod with Steel shoes, all round for \$1.00. Give him a trial. Shop in front of Post Office.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so, have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a day what would have been a bad cold. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

Aldrich & Duren will receive two car loads of furniture this week. On account of the heavy rush of business they have not been able to supply the demand as they sell so much they are taxed to their utmost to keep a full line of goods in their house. Consequently they have doubled all orders and are prepared to supply the holiday trade.

By making such large purchases they are enabled to buy their goods at a large discount and will give their customers benefit of the cheap rates. Call and see how cheap they can sell any grade of furniture. You could not give a more desirable Xmas present than a nice set of furniture. It is useful as well as ornamental.

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Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett this 4th day of December, 1895.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT, Clerk County Court Houston County, Texas.

By JOHN SPENCE, Deputy.

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Stratified a Day
Joseph Orr, a 12-year-old boy of Brooklyn, who was discovered wandering in the streets after being away from home for three days, has been almost constantly delirious since he was found. The doctor who is attending him says that there is evidence that the boy was hypnotized. The lad was delirious when found, and became unconscious soon after being taken home. He said: "I met a man who put a red handkerchief over my face, and then I didn't know anything more until I woke up in Greenway cemetery. It was awfully cold there, and I got up and walked a long, long way." The boy, in his delirium, gives utterances and expressions of fear and pleading.

Very Rich Indeed
In the elements that supply the human system with bone, muscle and brain substance, a circulation of blood is the supreme factor. Hoar's Stomach Bitters, which gives a healthy impulse to every function of the body. Dyspeptic and weakly persons give strong testimony to its value in the cure of indigestion, constipation, and liver troubles.

Australia makes horsehooves of cowhide.

A Novel Idea
The Omaha Weekly World-Herald has struck another novel idea for increasing its circulation by offering large prizes to those new subscribers who contract the shortest sentence containing all the letters of the alphabet.

This is sort of reverse of last year's prize contest, when the object was to construct the largest number of words out of certain letters.

It will be interesting to note how short a sentence can be made and still contain all the twenty-six letters in the alphabet. The trouble, of course, will be to get in such a sentence every letter.

Ex-Congressman Bryan, who edits the paper and preaches free silver coinage, must have a good inventive genius to devise these novel schemes.

A woman with a silver laugh often exposes a gold plate in her mouth.

YELLOW RIND, BLOOD RED FLESH
A wonderful combination, a tremendous novelty, found only in Salzer's Golden Pumpkin Watermelon. It's marvelous. We paid \$300 for the seed! You will want it, everybody wants it. 5 kernels 10c, 25 kernels 40c, 50 kernels 75c. Salzer's Golden Pumpkin Watermelon seed, 14c per package. 12c postage to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free a package of above Salzer's Golden Pumpkin Watermelon seed and our 14c package seed catalogue free. Catalogue alone 5c. for mailing. A. W. N.

Contentment is better than money and just about as scarce.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

The mind conceives with pain, but brings forth with delight.

THE YOUTH OF THE SOUL IS EVERLASTING AND ETERNITY IS TRUTH.

"Hansen's Magic Corn Salve."

Warranted to cure corns, bunions, etc. 25c per package. 12c postage to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free a package of above Salzer's Golden Pumpkin Watermelon seed and our 14c package seed catalogue free. Catalogue alone 5c. for mailing. A. W. N.

Nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning.

I could not get along without Pilo's Cure for Consumption. It is a great medicine. E. C. MORTON, Needham, Mass., Oct. 22, '91.

With the God of moments, but genius is the God of ages.

Hood's

Sarsaparilla has over and over again proved itself the best blood purifier. It cures when other medicines utterly fail. It is the only medicine in the history of medicine. Its success is based upon its inflexible merit.

Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. 50c per bottle. Hood's Pills, 25c per bottle.

IMPERIAL GRANUM

Is Pure and Unsweetened and can be retained by the weakest stomach.

A safe, easily digested FOOD FOR DYSPEPTICS!

Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE! John A. Salzer, New York.

THE AEROMOTOR CO. One half the world's best air motor. It is the only one that will run on gas, oil, or kerosene. It is the only one that will run on water. It is the only one that will run on electricity. It is the only one that will run on steam. It is the only one that will run on anything.

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MARGARET'S JOURNEY

E. M. J. RIEDER

That of all the pretty girls he had ever seen she was the loveliest. Her hair, rippling naturally away from a broad, white forehead, was of a deep chestnut, with a fringe of gold running through the rich luxuriance. Her eyes were "heaven's own blue," fringed by long, curling lashes. Her face was charmingly bright, pliant and altogether beautiful.

But they had been married for twelve years now, and with the possession of the treasure he once deemed so indispensable to his happiness his ardor and devotion had somehow cooled. He loved her, in a way, of course, but he grew so accustomed to seeing her opposite him every morning for twelve long years, so used to seeing her every day, that the love and tenderness with which she had once inspired him had subsided into a quiet feeling of possession. Her fate was no worse than that of thousands of her married sisters; for the ardent lover too often merges into the indifferent husband.

But Margaret Allison was no common character. The ordinary distractions that amuse many women held nothing for her; and, then, she had no children. If a sunny-faced child or two had come to her in these twenty years, she would have lavished some of her affection upon them. But none came; and though at thirty years of age she was still a beautiful woman, her husband never wrote her a line, and she never saw him again.

Her husband was a successful man, and deeply engaged in business. He had fallen, too, into the habit of spending his evenings at the "club," and other places better suited to his taste than his own fireside. He was regarded by the men about town as a very good fellow, but at home he was taciturn and silent, rarely saying much, and leaving his wife to while away the long hours of his absence as best she could.

She used to wander through the brightly-lighted rooms, sometimes trailing over the soft carpets in her evening dress, and wonder if there was any one in the world so unhappy as herself. It would have been easier to hear if she had grown indifferent, too, but the handsome, careless face was as dear, and dearer, to her than it had ever been, and she never ceased longing, with a sick, sad heart, for some word, some expression from him to tell her that he still loved her. But none ever came, and she went their separate ways, daily growing wider apart. He was thoughtful in one way, however, and saw that she wanted for nothing. Her house was a perfectly appointed one, her gowns were faultless, and her diamonds exquisite—but she was not happy.

Her servants divined her of all tasks that might have proved a whole-some remedy for her unsatisfied craving, for her lonely occupations as performed sometimes by those who dream lofty dreams and think noble thoughts all the better for the clatter of the broom and dustpan, and the energetic plying of industrious fingers. But there was nothing for her to do. These rich women are sometimes really more to be pitied than their poorer sisters. After all, all stations in life have their compensations, and no one of them, however richly endowed, is perfectly happy. The exterior may be fair enough, but the skeleton is lurking about somewhere to mar its peace and beauty.

They had been poor for the first year or two. She used to think of those old days and with passionate longing, that they were poor again. Her hands were not then, as now, sparkling with rings, and her gowns were not rich silken ones. Her plain wedding band was all the jewelry she wore, and she had made her dresses herself. Ah! that had been a happy time. He had not been too busy or preoccupied then to talk with her, and the little breakfasts she prepared with her own hands were eaten merrily together, seasoned with much love, and a feeling of comradeship that made the whole day sweet.

But everything that Robert Allison touched turned to gold, and in the pursuit of money-making his wife and his home became, as years wore on, a very minor part of his life. He had a pride, of course, in her beauty, but he had come to regard her as more a portion of his household than as a warm, living, feeling woman. He never occurred to him that he might brighten her lonely life. He thought she ought to be perfectly happy. So evening after evening found her alone. What if the great house was beautiful, her servants attentive? That did not satisfy her. She wanted her husband. She cared little for society, or she might have found an occupation there. But in spite of her great beauty she was quiet and retiring. Yet everything was done to please Robert Allison that could be done. She was always exquisitely groomed, because he would like to be with a wife to be proud of, he thought, almost involuntarily.

"So you are going to leave me, Margaret," said he, in a kinder tone than usual. "Well, it will do you good." And then in a moment he grew absorbed in his paper, and forgot all about her. He came home the evening of the first day of her absence. It had not yet dawned upon him what a void Margaret

moment that she was Robert's wife. Duty was the stern watchword of her life. She would not fail in her duty, however much he did in his. He always knew that he would find her there, watching and waiting. Yet this very fact awoke but slight appreciation in his breast, and really made him more indifferent to a presence always by his side.

Poor Margaret! So days succeeded days in dreary monotony. The slender figure, clad in splendid gowns, seemed to mock her and heart as she beheld the lonely reflection of her face. What use? she thought bitterly, better death than a loveless, joyless existence, no matter how gilded the cage.

But an event happened at this time that changed the trend of Margaret's whole existence. An old, rich, widowed aunt of Robert's came to see her. The old lady's eyes were as bright as in her youth, and her face, although old and wrinkled, was full of kindness and wisdom. Nothing escaped her keen observation, made so by a whole lifetime of experience. She was on her way to the Old World, and only came to spend a few days before sailing. With no ties to bind her, and plenty of money, the old lady took delight in traveling alone. No one place was her home, and she flitted about as her fancy dictated. But she was a very good old lady, and full of benevolence and wisdom. For all that, and she had not been in her nephew's house a week before she understood pretty thoroughly how matters stood. She had never seen Margaret before, but she felt in him the way her straightway, as every one did who knew the sweetness and purity of her nature.

Aunt Elizabeth read the secret of those sad eyes and tender, sensitive mouth, and though outwardly Margaret's life looked fair and beautiful enough, yet Aunt Elizabeth's worldly wisdom enabled her to read between the lines and understand.

"Where does Robert spend his evenings, my dear?" she asked Margaret one night as they sat alone.

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