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E. A. Hutchinson, president of the Hutchinson-Lewis Co. at Weatherford, died at his residence the 7th inst. He was one of the leading men of Weatherford, in social and business circles.

On account of intense cold weather, which prevent our presses from working like they should, we are late this issue. We hope our readers will pardon delay, no one except a printer knows the trouble of running presses in cold weather.

We have received the first number of North's Philadelphia Musical Journal. It contains a large quantity of musical gossip, criticisms, new music, etc. with occasional references drama and dramatic doings. The whole forming an entertaining and instructive combination.

The Secretary of the United States Brewer's Association says: "In Kansas the Prohibition system has been in operation for two years, and all the brewers are ruined. No organization therefore, exists in that State, and in Iowa the Prohibition law has gone into effect there, has made terrible havoc among brewers, and many of them are completely ruined."

Gov. Hill of New York at a banquet tendered him by the Business Men's Democratic Association of New York, said "those who expect me to antagonize the national administration will be disappointed; it needs no defense at my hands, it is administering the government wisely, safely, successfully and to the satisfaction of the people. Of President Cleveland's honesty, courage and true democracy there can be no question."

In this issue County Attorney, Walter Somervell, explains the Jim Rice case. His explanation is perfectly satisfactory to us, and we hope the people will not judge any of our officers, until they hear their explanations in such cases. Mr. Somervell publishes a letter he received from the Attorney General, in which he says: "The motion in arrest of judgment, ought never have been sustained, as the verdict of the jury was amply sufficient."

The financial affairs of France are said to be approaching a crisis that will long be felt by the people. The most important cause of the many that tend to bring about this disaster to the nation is the extravagance of the government for several years. There is such a depression in the industrial circles, the keen suffering among the poor may be gauged by the rapid decrease of population of the industrial towns. St. Etienne, has lost 15,000 inhabitants out 120,000. They have left the towns to seek bread in the country. Old established companies, which for many years have paid regular dividends, have absorbed their reserve fund and pay no dividends.

In looking over the list of grand jurors we had that they are all good men, but not one of them lives north of Jacksonville. About one year ago we noticed nearly the same thing and called the attention of the Dist. Clerk to the fact, he then informed us that there had not been a man on the grand jury from the northern corner of the county in the last seven years. At the July term in '85 Subahall Jacobs was on the grand jury and he is the only man from the northern corner of the county known to us in the history of Jack county who has served on the grand jury. Now we ask why the north and northern corner of the county is so persistently ignored? Our answers "they are drawn by." Also, where is the justice of the law? Where must be something wrong now.

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In the last issue of your paper mention is made of the case of the State vs. Jim Rice, and the County Attorney is asked to "rise up and explain." In compliance with that request I make the following statement.

At the July term of our District Court, the Grand Jury indicted Jim Rice and A. F. Gardner jointly for "unlawfully and wilfully disturbing a congregation assembled for religious worship &c," said disturbance having taken place at the Christian Church in Jacksonville on the night of the 19th of July, 1885. The defendants were tried jointly at the August term of the County Court, and there was a mistrial, the jury disagreeing. At the October term of said court the case was again called, whereupon the defendant Jim Rice made application for a severance from his co-defendant Gardner in order that the said Gardner might be first tried, so that he Rice could have the benefit of the testimony of his said co-defendant which testimony he swore was material for his defense. Thereupon I entered a "not pro" as to Gardner, stating that "the evidence was not sufficient to convict." The defendant, Rice was then tried and the result was another "hung jury." The defendant did not introduce the witness Gardner, whose testimony he had sworn was "material." The case was tried again at the December term of said court before his Honor H. P. Jones, Co. Judge &c., the following gentlemen serving as jurors: T. J. Dunlap, J. G. Eubank, R. G. Weaver, J. W. Simpson, W. L. Dunning and M. N. White. After hearing the evidence and extended argument by counsel, the jury retired, and in a short time brought in the following verdict: "we the jury find the defendant guilty and assess his punishment at a fine of twenty five dollars," signed, T. J. Dunlap foreman. Defendants motion for a "new trial" was overruled whereupon he filed a "supplemental motion in arrest of judgment," alleging that "the verdict was insufficient to support a judgment of conviction in the case &c, which motion his Honor aforesaid sustained. The case was then continued by consent of counsel to the February term of court. Two days afterward, his Honor had the County Attorney called and asked what he proposed to do with the case, said that said case had been continued to the next term of court and that he declined to take further action in the premises before that time. Thereupon his Honor ordered the defendant to be discharged from the custody of the law.

As County Attorney I immediately wrote to Jas. D. Templeton, Attorney General of the State giving a full and fair statement of the case and of the action therein, asking for his opinions and advice in the matter. In reply I received the following letter which is herewith in full.

Walter Somervell Esq., Co. Attorney, Jacksonville, Tex. DEAR SIR:

The sustaining of the motion in arrest of judgment in the case mentioned by you had the same legal effect as if the court had granted the defendant a new trial. The plea of former jeopardy would certainly avail him nothing. The court ought not to have ordered the defendant discharged from custody, but since he has been actually discharged from custody his sureties are now released from liability. Were I in your place I would set aside the case now standing on the docket and institute a new prosecution. The motion in arrest of judgment ought never have been sustained as the verdict of the jury was amply sufficient.

Respectfully, John D. Templeton.

Now Mr. Editor, these are the facts of the case briefly stated and the records will bear me out in what I have said. I cheerfully "use and explain," because the citizens of Jack County whose official servant I am have a right at all times to ask for and receive an account from their officers of how they are discharging the duties devolving upon them. I am ready at all times to meet my fellow citizens and place my official record before them for investigation. I only ask that they place the blame of official misconduct (if such there is), where it belongs and of the result I am not afraid. Respectfully, Walter Somervell, County Attorney, Jack Co.

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Public School Money. We referred the following letter to Judge Jones and we give his answer. Ed. CITIZEN:

We are constantly being asked why Jack county does not furnish as much school fund per capita as Clay. The State Fund is five dollars and twenty cents per capita; and out of this clay county furnishes each child about five dollars and ten cents, while Jack only furnishes each child four dollars and ninety-one cents. Then Clay county has funds to increase her pro rata to something over seven dollars. Now we as citizens and trustees of Jack county would like to know why this difference in the amount of State Fund, and why we are not getting anything from the county fund? Will some one please explain through the CITIZEN?

J. B. EASTHAM, W. C. WELCH, R. L. BURKE, Trustees Newport School District.

Department of Education, Austin, Aug. 21, '85.

Hon. H. P. Jones, Jacksonville, Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17th received. You are authorized to embrace all the pupils of scholastic age in your apportionment to the districts. The neglect of the census-takers should not be allowed to work hardships on the children. But you should be sure in every instance, that the names ought properly to belong to the district roll. Respectfully,

B. M. BAKER, Supt. Pub. Inst.

The result is this: There was apportioned to Jack County by the State \$5.20 per capita, for 2222 children, and acting under Superintendent's advice, the County Judge in making his apportionment to the districts, includes 2320 children, which after deducting the County Treasurer's and Judge's fees, and adding \$1 available county fund gives a pro rata of \$4.917 per capita.

Answering the second query, I feel inclined to call on the other members of the Commissioners' Court, to rise with me and help to explain, the condition of our county's permanent school fund, is a matter about which I have manifested much concern at every sitting of the court; and advised a more decided action in the matter than has yet been taken by the court.

But to explain: The lands have all been sold, except about 400 acres; and the notes taken for same bear 10 per cent interest per annum. The County had when this administration came into office \$1000 invested in bonds; and was purchasing county scrip with other money belonging to the permanent county fund; and now has so invested between \$700 and \$800. This scrip bears no interest, consequently the county derives from this \$8,000 no available fund.

The present court is proposing to invest this in bonds as soon as the county pays this scrip. The balance of the proceeds collected from the sale of these lands (about \$2000 as well as I am informed) is in the hands of the county's agents, Robinson & West, which the Commissioners Court has several times ordered paid to the County Treasurer. But, the interest arising from the notes given for the purchase of the lands is available fund, and should be appropriated annually to the support of the school in the county, and would have been so appropriated last year, but for the reason that the agents in their reports made to the Commissioners Court, and their payments made to the County Treasurer, did not so distinguish principal from interest as to inform the court what amount was interest, or what principal. But to avoid this thereafter the Commissioners Court, at its November term, 1885, ordered the agents to amend their report made to that term; and make all reports to it thereafter; so as to show what part of such payment was principal, and what was interest.

I am informed that the agents are now making the distinction between principal and interest in their payments to the County Treasurer. If this is done then we will be enabled during the next scholastic year to use this interest, and appropriate it to the districts in the county and as the Commissioners

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instructed their agents to inform all parties who had purchased her school lands to come forward and settle with them for back payments of both principal and interest during this month, and that they need not hope for further indulgence; it is presumed that the county will, if the orders of the court are enforced, derive a considerable fund, which will be made available for this year. Respectfully,

H. PLENGER JONES, Co. Judge, Jack County, Texas.

Bartholdi and his Statue. A little five year old, who was traveling to California with her parents, astonished them by saying as the train passed through a canyon in the Rocky Mountains, "Why ma, look at the picture on that rock—a monk holding up a bottle with an electric light round it. Now I know where Bartholdi got his idea of the statue of liberty." Her father laughed; "Very likely," he said, "but that picture stands for St. Jacobs Oil, which cured you of rheumatism last winter."

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