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AIR SHIP SEEN IN GALVESTON.

Walter L. Norwood, an Undertaker, Viewed it Early Yesterday Morning.

A FARMERSVILLE MAN'S ACCOUNT

Saw Two Men and Heard Them Conversing in a Strange Language—Another saw the Pilot.

W. L. Norwood, an undertaker, and Bob Tevis, his driver, saw the airship yesterday morning over the city of Galveston. Mr. Norwood was sitting on the bench in front of J. Levy & Bro.'s stables and Mr. Levy announced to a News man that he had seen the airship. After some badinage he protested his innocence of attempting a joke.

"No this is no joke. I am telling you the truth. I was called out to thirty-ninth and B about 3 o'clock this morning. A negro out there had died and we were called to prepare him for burial.

"Did it look anything like the picture in the News yesterday morning?"

"It was not so pointed at the ends as that. The picture shows the head light as being directed more toward the earth, while in reality it is directly in front, for when it was over us we could see no light at all. It looked like a great big bird. The wings flapped regularly and it appeared to go swiftly."

"Oh, I could not tell exactly, especially at night, but I judge it was about four times as high as one of those telephone poles." The poles are 60 feet in height.

HEARD THE MEN TALKING.

Farmersville, Tex., April 16.—To the News: Last night about 9 o'clock a dim light was seen in the northwest, apparently moving slowly to the south or southeast. When first seen it did not look larger than an ordinary 50-cent silver piece. Those watching it soon discovered that the object was approaching the city. It traveled at the rate of sixty or eighty miles an hour. Some thought it to be a cloudless tornado, and those who had storm houses lost no time in getting into them, while the more unfortunate waited and watched the result of the approach of the queer object. In a very short time full two-thirds of the citizens of the city were out looking at what they then supposed to be a large planet or meteor approaching the earth. In a few moments—in fact, in less time than one can tell it, the queer thing was almost hanging over the city. City Marshal Brown was in the western part of the city making his rounds before going home and says the ship or balloon passed over him about 200 feet from the ground. Mr. Brown says he could see two men in the ship and something resembling a large Newfoundland dog. Mr. Brown says he was close enough to them to hear them talking, but could not understand one word of their language.

E. PORTER,
L. E. BUMPASS.

TRUTHFUL CITIZENS SAW IT.

Ladonia, Tex., April 17.—There seems to be no more doubt in the minds of some regarding the airship. Attorney R. M. Rowland

says that this morning about 3 o'clock, having had to go for the doctor for his child, as he left home he noticed a strange object far up and at a great distance in the northeast. It seemed to be surrounded by a dim misty light, but as it approached the light became brighter. It was moving very rapidly in a southward direction and lowering as it progressed. When it reached a point nearly overhead one could readily see the light shining out of the cabin windows. The headlight was very bright, leaving the impression that it was made by electricity. The wings were huge in appearance. It had a long sail like tail and disappeared very rapidly in a southwesterly direction.

SEEN AT GARLAND.

Garland, Tex., April 17.—The airship which created so much excitement Thursday night was seen in Garland by several, among the number being J. N. Floyd, Agent N. S. Newland of the Katy and Mr. Cady. It was reported by them as traveling in a southerly direction at a surprising velocity, passing a few miles to the west of the town.

A TEXARKANA VIEW.

Texarkana, Tex., April 17.—The mysterious bright light that has been visible in the heavens for the past fortnight has been seen from this point. Wednesday night it was spied by the telegraph operator at Hope, Ark., who claims to have experienced a full ray of the headlight upon himself at about 11 p. m.

The writer mailed out to several points in the county protests for signature, against the proposed judicial district in which Houston county has been placed. J. H. Ratcliff writes us that he got 150 signatures in a short time and forwarded same to Hon. B. F. Rogers. The one sent to Grapeland was signed by over two hundred citizens, protesting against the infamy which they are trying to fasten on this county by passing the bill in question.

Watch you stock and protect them from gnats. In some of the neighboring counties fatality among horses and cattle has been terrible. Several hundred head of horses have died from the bites of this pest within a day or two. The best remedy or preventive, it seems, is fish-oil, smeared on stock at those points where the insects usually attack. Farmers can't be too vigilant in this matter. We notice that a large number of horses have died before it was known that the insects were bothering the stock.

We publish this week a lengthy and interesting communication from J. N. Tyer, living near Grapeland, on the bridge question. We invite a discussion of this question from the public, from all parts of the county and will publish all communications on both sides. Send them and let the public have your views. Mr. Tyer takes a bold stand in favor of the county building the bridge and assumes high grounds for his position, reasoning on the line that such an enterprise would settle up the county and build up a large county seat, thereby benefitting the entire county. We hope to see a general airing of views by the public on this topic and the columns of the Courier are open for all.

A BRIDGE ADVOCATE.

From the Community of Tyer's School House—The Bridge, he Says, Will Help the Entire County.

Ed. COURIER—We have been thinking of writing for some time, but have been too busy. We have had a little too much rain for crops, but would rather have too much than too little. We wish to give a few dots for the consideration of yourself and others. There has been too much talk about the public well. We don't look at the matter in that way. Isn't the well the people's well and isn't it for the use of the public? Don't the country people use the well more than the people of Crockett? Let me tell you that I have seen the time in Crockett, when I would have given two bits for free access to a well for my thirsty horse. We know there are some good friends in Crockett who would have furnished us with bucket and water. But could we ask such of them? I think not. Now, friends, we have a splendid commissioners' court, we think, and we ought to be well pleased with their acts. They certainly did act wisely in having the well dug and we congratulate them for it. We don't feel the extra taxes at all compared with doing without the well. "A merciful man is merciful to his stock."

And now for the bridge. I am in favor of the bridge and in favor of the county's building it. We need the bridge just as badly as we did the well. Prosperity is the life of a county or country. Now, suppose we had the bridge, wouldn't our county prosper in wealth? Certainly it would. Would not it increase the value of our land? It certainly would. In the first place it would cause more cotton to come to Crockett and that would draw more cotton buyers. Hasn't our cotton brought more money since Mr. Mangum and Mr. Nagle have been buying cotton there than before they came? We say, yes, unquestionably. What we mean by cash is that the cotton sold for cash and not on account and as a result it would make credit cotton sell for more as a rule. If we have good bridges and roads, we will have more immigrants to our county and this will settle up and enrich our county. Lands will be worth more and will sell for more. We have a world of good land unsettled in our county that invites the immigrant. A bridge will bring them, will settle up our county and in this way will lighten our taxes instead of increasing them. Now, this is so, though it may be a hard matter for some to see it this way.

Again, it will bring in more merchants and aid to build up a large county seat as well as fill up the county and in doing this it will furnish us farmers a market for what we may have to sell. More merchants mean cheaper goods to us who have to buy. Now, think of these things, friends, in a spirit of fairness and lay aside prejudice. If the bridge was built by the county, it wouldn't increase our tax 10 cts more, on the average. There are other ways, too, in which we people in the county would be benefited by this bridge. We say, build the bridge, and we will face the music and we believe if the court

would only think for a while they would build the bridge. We elected them to attend to our county affairs and we believe them competent and if they say, "build it," we are into it up to our necks to stand by them. We believe they are men of good judgment and sound minds. Enough on the bridge question this time.

Next: We are in favor of establishing a cotton factory in our county, too, and making our own cotton into cotton goods for our own use. Why not? For one, I would be willing to lend to good business men one dollar out of every bale of cotton to establish a cotton factory. In this way we would get cheaper goods and better prices for our cotton. We can't make money unless we spend money. Haven't we got plenty of rich land in this county to support industries as other countries have. And the men that have the lands will sell them. Did not J. C. Wootters advertise in the papers, that he had lots of land for sale and every one that knows him knows that he would sell any good man land, money or no money. Now, let us all pull together to make our county equal to any and we will be the beneficiaries thereby. This will strike some people as foolish. But before you condemn, study both sides and see if the enterprising men and counties are not the ones that succeed. These people who do not believe in improvements are the ones who never succeed. Some people make hardly a living on the farm and yet there are those who make money farming. I will close by saying that we ought to be in favor of everything that will build up our county and add to its wealth. But we can not if we hold to the dollar until the eagle is so defaced that it wont pass. In order to make money we must spend money and if we ever expect our county to build up we must loosen up the hide and turn our money loose. Success to the COURIER. This will do for the present. If this is not thrown away, we may write again.

J. N. TYER.

TRINITY CHAPEL (DELAYED.)

The grand grand jury reports, "we find some of the roads in the county are not in as good condition as they should be and recommend they be worked the full 10 days as required by law, or until in good order," or words to that effect. Aint that putting it mild. If you don't think so get up a fishing party for Stanmeyer lake and travel the Linwood road from Crockett to Dr. Wootters' place or start in any direction and travel 10 miles and say if you find two miles of good roads. What has the grand jury to fear from the overseers or hands. They are not elected grand jurors by the parties. Why not have brought in two or three indictments against overseers as an earnest of what grand juries would do in the future in regard to careless road duty. Ten days indeed! I know several overseer districts that have only had one day's work each year done on them for the last ten years or more and these districts four or five miles long and this one day divided into a half day in the spring and a half day in the win-

ter. Its a shame and a disgrace to any county and yet you newspaper men who have better facilities for impressing the necessity of good roads upon the minds of the people have nothing to say about it at all, though you can easily see what a "shame and disgrace" it would be to Houston county to have a set of populist officers elected in the county.

Tell the Enterprise man that if he wants to know the motives of not only the COURIER but of a majority of the citizens of Houston county for suggesting that the Trinity river bridge be built by those who are interested in it and will be benefited by it, instead of by levying taxes on the county to do it, he can find them condensed and in an easily understood form by turning to latter part of Judge Winfree's report in the COURIER. The Trinity river is getting within bounds again and Charley Beasley and Frank Smith's tenants are becoming serene.

The health of our neighborhood is good.

Corn aill about worked out, cotton coming up; gardens good; fish biting and buffalo gnats out for blood.

Methodist quarterly meeting will be held for one day with us on Thursday, April 29th, when we will enjoy some of Bro. Fowler's talk again. Dinner on the ground; come out. Mr. Populist knows better than to bother you on preaching occasion.

Lonnie Kent knocked off work Monday morning and refused to leave the house; he sits as one endeavoring to realize something that seems beyond the reach of his mental powers, and yet it is nothing more than a very diminutive scrap of frail humanity, of the masculine gender, and of the squealing type.

Daly's has the hog law; I don't know just how far around the post-office the law is in force but sufficiently distant to take in the whole office anyway.

I have no kick about the Daly and Grapeland road, but I am allowed to mention facts I suppose. Some one started a wire fence at two miles branch and ran it across the public road enclosing a good dry, sandy ridged road and out a road to replace it, that in places would bog a chicken and will either have to be bridged or well crosswayed. It is neither putting the road on as good ground nor making it of no greater distance as the law requires, and the traveling public have to submit to it.

Last week's COURIER's report of district court proceedings read like a continued story, and the reasons for some of the continuances seem mighty weak to some of us, who are only indirectly interested—that is to say—helping to bear the expenses. REYNARD.

S. C. Arledge has had an excellent side walk of brick put in in front of his house on Post Office street. What is the matter with the council forcing all others on that street to do the same? They required those owning property on the square to do so. The same reason applies to buildings fronting on Post Office.

Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES
and Attractions for the man of Capital
AND THE
HOME SEEKER

A Statement of Facts.

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 north of Galveston. The county is bounded on the east by 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 1000.

RAILROADS.

The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs north and south through the center of the county; the Trinity & Sabine east and west near the south boundary line; the Tyler Southwestern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is now building through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be surpassed 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 school six months a 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 \$95,000 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 older states. Debt and tax rates are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated and the total state and county tax is only 67 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation.

CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes above 90 degrees or below 25 degrees ABOVE ZERO. 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 all manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

LAND IN CULTIVATION.

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

SOILS.

We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zones. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, the red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of others 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 implements.

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, live oak, gum, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in the supply: holly, beech, maple, sweet gum, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Ft. Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any

other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhaustless supplies, rich iron ore of the brown hematite and laminated varieties, besides other kinds. There are undeveloped coal beds in different sections. Building stone in abundance. Clays for making brick, tile, pottery, etc. Also there are beds of green marl, which have never been developed.

STOCK.

This county is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock. Jersey cattle, blooded horses and hogs are numerous and all do well.

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 fruit and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affects the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown with out trouble.

STAPLE PRODUCTS.

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn 20 to 30 bushels; sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes 200 to 400 bushels and ribbon cane produces from 250 to 400 gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grow in the greatest abundance.

A CHANCE.

One branch of industry has been nearly overlooked here. We refer to the production of tobacco. 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. The people are not familiar with the business; but there are fortunes here awaiting the men who bring knowledge of tobacco raising and curing to Houston County. Thirty years ago tobacco was one of the money crops of this section. The people have lost sight of it for the cotton crop. This year many farmers are ordering the different varieties of tobacco seed, including the "Connecticut Leaf," "White Burley" and other kinds of plug leaf. We have recently tried the Genuine Havana tobacco and find that, where the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing 40 to 50 cents per pound in the New York market. New York buyers all agree that it is impossible to grow such tobacco in Texas, and will only believe that we grow it upon affidavits of the best men in the state. Money, land and assistance will be furnished EXPERT tobacco growers and warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understand this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proven and are deserving of attention.

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.

The oak forests produce mast in abundance to keep hogs in good condition the year round.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Is the fact that the crops raised here are absolutely without fertilizers, the soil simply being broken and seed planted. There is not a country in the world that can make a better showing than this.

The county is in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times, and the merchants are more prosperous, while the farmers are better off financially than for years past, despite the low prices of staple products.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Bellott and Daniel. Besides these there are over thirty cotton gins and lumber mills in the county, and at each of these are pleasant neighborhoods, usually having schools and churches.

Houston County has never suffered the evils of a boom and only desires a steady advance in population and prosperity. To those seeking pleasant homes and safe investments in a fine climate and country, we extend a hearty invitation to examine the resources and advantages of HOUSTON COUNTY, Texas.

The above is a careful and conservative statement of facts in regard to a fine country that has been too long overlooked.

We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory, and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

All letters of inquiry will be promptly answered and information will be given.

CROCKETT.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county on the I. & G. N. R. R., the great artery of commerce between Galveston and St. Louis. It has a population of 3500 to 4000. Society is excellent. A splendid system of graded public schools is maintained by tax for nine months in the year. Nearly all christian denominations have church organizations and churches. There are fifty or more business houses of different kinds. The town is lighted by a system of electric lights. There is a cotton seed oil-mill with a capacity for crushing six to eight thousand tons of seed. An ice factory, laundry and other accessories of a live town have recently been put in. The town with a fair season will ship twenty thousand bales of cotton the season of 1897. The fruit industry is being developed on a large and lucrative scale and no town in Texas is supplied with greater and better adapted resources for raising and handling fruit and berries of all kinds. There is not a town in East Texas with as bright a future as Crockett, nor one that offers greater inducements to the man seeking a home for his family, in the way of superior educational advantages, refined society, excellent church privileges and all other influences that contribute to the full development of genuine manhood and womanhood.

The town has two weekly papers, the COURIER and ENTERPRISE.

Facilities for traveling are unsurpassed. The I. & G. N. railroad passes through the corporate limits of the city and furnishes a double daily passenger service both ways. South of the town a comparatively short distance, the T. & S. R. R. runs east and west, while on the northern and eastern borders the Gulf Short Line R. R. and the Houston East & West Texas R. R. run. A movement is on foot with every indication of being put through at once, to establish a large saw mill and planing plant with a tram road extending twenty to thirty miles to the eastern border of the county.

LOVELADY.

The town of Lovelady is about 12 miles to the south of Crockett and is situated immediately on the I. & G. N. R. R. The town has recently incorporated for school purposes and levied a tax which with the funds from the state and county, enables it to maintain a most excellent High School, free for about 9 months in the year. The society is excellent and church

privileges unsurpassed. It has a score or more of business houses and a population distinguished for its enterprising spirit and refined social advantages.

GRAPELAND.

Grapeland is another town, about 12 miles to the north on the I. & G. N. R. R. It, too, has recently incorporated for school purposes and by a local tax and such other help as it receives from the state and county funds, supports a splendid High School free for about 9 months in the year. The town is noted for its business enterprise and public spirit and no better society can be found anywhere. The people are wide-awake and extend the home-seeker a hospitable welcome.

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Estray Notice.

Taken up by Nathan Smith and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, Houston county, Texas, the following described animal: one small bay mare about four years old, 12 1/2 hands high, brand blotched; appraised at \$15. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1897.
N. E. ALBRIGHT,
Clk. Clk. H. H. C. Tex.

Baptist Convention, Wilmington N. C.

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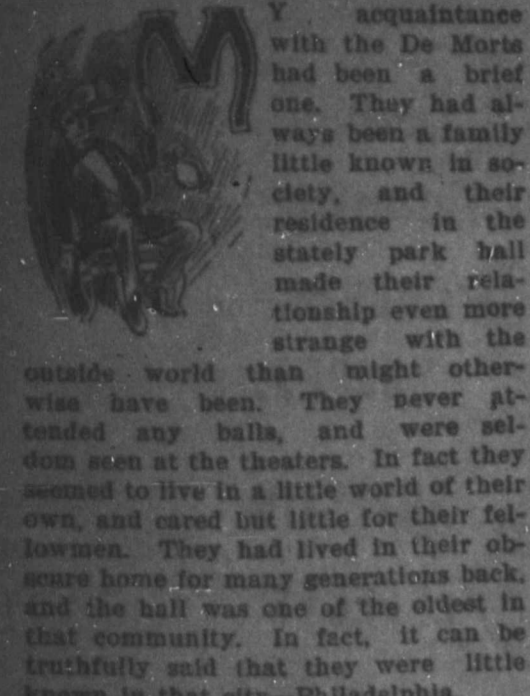
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SUPERNATURAL TALE.



My acquaintance with the De Mortis had been a brief one. They had always been a family little known in society, and their residence in the stately park hall made their relationship even more strange with the outside world than might otherwise have been. They never attended any balls, and were seldom seen at the theaters. In fact they seemed to live in a little world of their own, and cared but little for their fellowmen. They had lived in their obscure home for many generations back, and the hall was one of the oldest in that community. In fact, it can be truthfully said that they were little known in that city—Philadelphia.

At the time my story starts I was working in a large wholesale produce house in a dark little street in the north half of Philadelphia. I had been there for some time in the capacity of shipping clerk. Among my fellow-workmen was a young fellow about my own age whose name was Harry Smith, a jolly sort of a chap who seemed to always have a good time. Harry and myself were among the favored, or fortunate, few, who had to work only eight hours a day.

HE THRUST THE DAGGER.

It was one Saturday evening, just as I was preparing to depart, that Harry came up to me and asked what I had to do that evening.

"I answered, 'nothing.'"

"Well, then," said Harry, "what's the matter with having a little fun this evening?"

"In what way?" said I.

"We have an invitation to attend a soiree at the De Mortis," he answered.

"Well, now," said I as I drew my coat on, "if you tell me who the De Mortis are and what their soiree is, maybe I'll go."

"The De Mortis are friends of mine," he said, "and farther than that I'll tell you nothing."

I asked no more questions, but agreed to be ready at 7:30 that evening and go with Harry to his friend's residence.

My rooms were in a small lodging house about a quarter of a mile from my place of employment, and as I walked home I could not help musing to myself, "De Mort, De Mort."

Finally a light seemed to flash across my mind. Yes, indeed, I knew who they were. I remembered, too, that Harry had introduced me to an Albert D. Mort some three or four months before, and that I had met one or two others of the family, but what he could mean by a soiree, I could not comprehend. I did not let the matter trouble me much, however, and it did not take me a great while to eat my supper and change my suit for a better one. Soon I was in my room, and lighting a cigar I stretched myself at full length on a couch to wait for the coming of Harry.

At precisely 7:30 my friend walked into my room and told me that a cab was waiting in front of the house. In five minutes we were rolling along the streets of Philadelphia. The De Mort residence was quite a distance from my lodging rooms, and for fully 20 minutes we drove around. Finally the cab stopped, and Harry and myself stepped out just in front of the old gray stone wall.

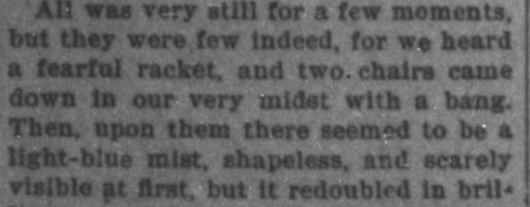
The hall was in the very midst of a large park filled with stately trees. A wicket met us at the door and ushered us into a large drawing room. A good number of people were already assembled there. Although I received an introduction to all of them, I do not remember their names; but what's in a name, you know!

The first De Mort was a stately-looking man of perhaps 50, with very dark whiskers, and a cold, piercing eye. He introduced us to what we must sit in a circle and join hands. We did not know where a large number of us were sitting, but around the entire

THE JOKER'S CORNER.

WIT, HUMOR AND SATIRE ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

The Storm at Sea—A Rival's Severe Jest—Cause of a Sudden Shock—She Never Kissed—The Prize Fight Up-to-Date.



HE cloud was sitting on the air; The air was a stuffed with breeze; It made a nice, soft easy chair, As bouncy as you please.

The sea was moist as moist could be; So moist that you and I Might mop through all eternity And never mop it dry.

There came a bang of thunder loud; It bumped against the poles; The lightning jiggled through the cloud And pricked it full of holes.

The raindrops trickled down like tea Or ginger-beer up; They trickled straight into the sea And got their feet all wet.

She Never Kissed.

"I reckon if I wuz to ketch my daughter kissin' a man I'd just natchelly cut him into mincemeat ground fine," said the old man from the swamps of the Bracken hills.

"Then your daughter won't kiss the boys?" ventured a Dover youth with spectacles.

"Well, I reckon not, young man," and the old man gave him a look that dazzled his specs.

"But—ah, you know, some girls—who are engaged—you know—sometimes kiss their—their—their—boys—you know—and it's right and proper—and—"

The old man looked at him real hard, and, after watching the youth wilt like a tobacco leaf in an August sun, thundered out: "Well, my daughter never kissed a livin' man, not even her papper a poodle dog, ner a cat, ner nothin'."

"But, there's no harm—and why—why—?" stammered the brave youth.

"Well, I reckon the principalest reason why my daughter never kissed nothin' is that I never had any daughter."

And the thoughtful silence of the young man was so dense that you could hear the price of farm lands drop quietly, drop by drop, while the farm products hanging in the tobacco shed tler by tler.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Prize Fighting Up-to-Date.

First Slugger—It's understood, den, dat we divides even up on he vitascope pictures?

Second Slugger—Yes, dat goes. Of course, I gits de rake-off on de peanot privileges?

First Slugger—Not unless I skims de lemonade stands.

Second Slugger—Well, dat goes, wid de understanding dat I'm to have seven-eighths of de profits of de bootblack stand.

First Slugger—I take eighth-sevenths of dat myself.

Second Slugger—Why, you git nineteen-elevenths of de bar privileges already.

First Slugger—An' ain't you a-gittin sixteen-ninths off of de seegar stand?

Second Slugger—Yes, but youse is rakin in heavy on de fotygraf line coz you t'ink your mug is so beautiful.

First Slugger—Say, dat's me own bizness, ain't it?

Second Slugger—Well, we shares alike er de fight is off.

First Slugger—Den de fight is off.

Both exit haughtily.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Cause of the Shock.

Dr. Brown—Your wife has had some sudden shock; if you can tell me what caused it perhaps I can help her.

"I can't think of anything, doctor; but—hold on a minute—I guess I have it; I got in before 12 o'clock last night."

A Merited Fate.

He was an aspirant for honors as an amateur humorist, and he had invited in a few of his friends to give them some 'specimens of his genius.

"Now," blandly he began, "what was the greatest physical feat ever performed in the United States?"

Nobody spoke.

"Why, Wheeling West Virginia, of course," he said, triumphantly.

The silence was ominous.

"Now," he continued, not one whit abashed, "what was the greatest surgical operation ever performed in this country?"

If anything, the silence was still ominous.

"Lansing Michigan!"

Then they fell upon him and rent him limb from limb, and scattered the fragments of him from Wheeling, W. Va., to Lansing, Mich.

Considerate.

"You say," remarked the debonnaire debtor, "that I am owing more money than anybody else that your firm has on its books?"

"Yes, sir," replied the collector.

"And that I am about the only person with whom they have trouble in getting their money?"

"That's what they told me."

"Young man, I like your looks and I like your manners, and I'm going to be a friend to you. I hate to have that debt knocking around my accounts, but for your sake I'll put up with it. If I were to pay up, the chances are ten to one that your firm would find collections so easy that they would discharge you and then I should never forgive myself."—Washington Star.

Didn't Know When to Stop.

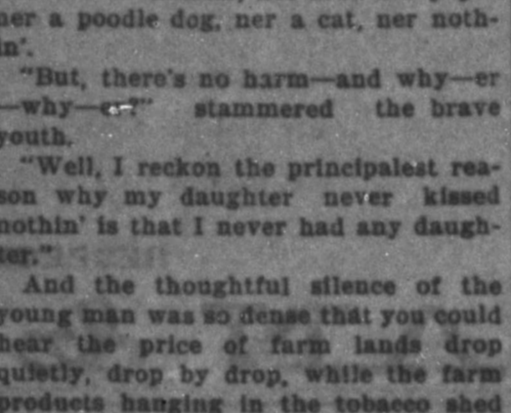
"Darling," said she, "do you love me as much as ever?"

"Yes, dearie," said he, with his nose buried in his newspaper.

That ought to have satisfied her, but she had to ask "Why?"

"Oh, I dunno. Habit, I guess."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Rival's Jest.



Miss Charming (who has two beaux to her string)—Mr. Quill says that when he writes those funny jokes of his he first allows his mind to be before perfectly blank.

Mr. Dulwit (the rival, who can't write jokes)—Well, I should say Mr. Quill was always in splendid condition for joking.

A Doubtful Compliment.

Belle—Clara exhibited some of her paintings to Mr. Dauber and asked for his criticism.

Mamie—Well, what did he say?

Belle—He said, "Miss Clara, you do paint well."

Mamie—I suppose Clara was delighted with the compliment.

Belle—Not exactly. He looked right in her face when he said it.

Not from the Great Cryptogram.

When Shakespeare wrote The line we often quote—"Now is the winter of our discontent," 'Twas evident The poet meant To call Attention to the fact, With subtle tact, That he was married sometime in the fall.

A Good Boy.

Father—Well, what has Tommy been doing today?

Mother—He cut off a piece of the cat's tail, broke three windows, blackened the cook's eyes and built a bonfire in the cellar.

Father—Is that all? Tommy must have been a good boy today.

Stands Alone.

"I wish I had been born a man," said the young woman in the course of the controversy.

"Really," said the young man, "I think Adam is the only person on record who had that experience."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Not What He Wanted.

Haskell—What's Bobby crying for?

Mrs. Haskell—Oh! the poor boy caught his finger in the pantry door.

Haskell—H'm! he evidently didn't get the jam he was looking for that time.

Donned.

Landlady—Did you receive your letter, Mr. Harcup?

Harcup—Yes, Mrs. Harcup.

Landlady—A love letter, I presume?

Harcup—Well, I might say—a little out of the way.

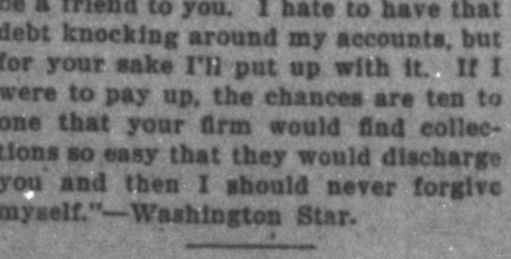
Itching, Burning, Eczema

Is the external indication of a condition of the blood which produces a fiery irritation almost unbearable. It is a mistake to think that this local irritation is the disease itself—it is simply an evidence of a disordered condition of the blood. The seat of the disease is in the blood, and this is why the various salves and ointments usually applied have no effect whatever. They cannot possibly reach the origin of the trouble; only a blood remedy can do that. S. S. S. is without an equal for blood diseases, and promptly and permanently cures Eczema and removes all taint.

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Mr. William Armstrong, an old resident and highly respected citizen, of De Pere, Wis., writes on April 1st, 1896.



MR. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.

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"The extent of my sufferings can be appreciated when I state that my condition was such that I could not take my bed, and for three months I never laid down, but was compelled to sit in my chair when not moving around. I was treated by the best of physicians with no success, and tried all the patent medicines recommended for Eczema, without any good results. I then went to the Indiana Mad baths, with the same results, and then to Mt. Clemens, the celebrated medical resort, where the treatment partially helped me, but the disease shortly returned. I went to Florida, thinking that a change of climate and water and the citron fruit might cure me, but found no cure."

"I then tried S. S. S. and after three days the burning and itching subsided, and I continued to improve steadily until I was well—entirely cured. After commencing S. S. S. I never put an external application to my limbs or any part of my body. You may refer to me any person suffering from Eczema. I will always keep the S. S. S. in my house, for I consider it the best blood medicine of the present age. I am seventy years of age and am now in perfect health."

For real blood diseases relief can only be obtained by using a real blood remedy. So many people who are sufferers from an obstinate or deep-seated blood disease make the mistake of taking remedies which at best are only tonics and cannot possibly reach their trouble. It is in just such cases which other so-called blood remedies cannot reach that S. S. S. has made some of the most wonderful cures.

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The grain crop of Texas will be immense.

The Hatchell Market handles the best meats, fish and poultry.

Enos Simpson is talking of opening up a saloon at Tadmor.

6 lbs Arbuckle coffee at Arledge & Kennedy's for \$1.

Support home enterprise. In doing so, you encourage others.

Just received at Daniel & Burton's, car of celebrated S. & P. flour.

Fresh bread and cakes at the Crockett Bakery, N. W. Cor. square.

Miss Tenie Breutling and Mrs. Hattie Collins have both been quite sick.

There is nearly or quite a full crop of pears and about a half crop of peaches.

You can get a meal or lunch at all hours at Crockett Bakery Restaurant, N. W. Cor. square.

The Trinity river has been out of banks for several days, flooding the most of the bottom.

Do you want the best flour that money can buy? If so, use S. & P. at Daniel & Burton's.

The physicians seem to be quite busy. There are several cases of serious sickness on hand.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's Grocer Store.

The cattle shipments from this point the past ten days has been a juicy plum to the I. & G. N.

Coll Stokes has accepted a situation with a real estate agency at Marshall and has gone there.

Three weddings within month. Now, go to work and guess till you are crosseyed trying to spot them.

Get your meats from the Hatchell Market. They keep everything that can be had in the fresh meat line.

S. & P. flour, the acme of perfection. If you are not using it, you should not delay longer. Buy a sack of Daniel & Burton.

Mrs. W. E. Hail has been seriously sick at the home of her son, J. W. Hail. At this writing she is thought to be some better.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Call at the CASH STORE for all kinds of GRAIN and FEED. Good mixed CORN at 38c per bushel. WHITE PEARL MEAL, 35c per bushel. BEST PATENT FLOUR, \$5 per barrel. TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 32c per bushel. Car bright FORNEY Hay, cheap, syrup, the best grade, 33 1-2c per gallon; by the barrel 30c.

The above prices are no fiction. Money saved is money made, so be sure to stop in and price before buying.

E. M. ATKINSON

A Few Words From The Boys.

It is with renewed confidence and vigor that we again present our card to the people of Houston and adjoining counties. We have hoped to even double our business during this year (1897), and so far we are proud to say, success is ours. In order to do his full share toward promoting this revival, our buyer Mr. W. B. Wilson spent a month in the market battling with measles and high prices. He believes he got the better of them both, especially prices, as we have many things in our store to offer you for almost half the money you have been paying for them. We have special bargains in every line we carry. Ladies if you care to see the most up to date, stylish line of Dress Goods, in all the new colors, and the very latest fad in novelties, call at our store and let us show you. Your time will be profitable, should you buy elsewhere. Here is a bargain that has caused men to talk all day, and the women all night, an all wool one way Challie worth 18 to 20c per yard, bought at such a price as to sell at 10c per yard, consisting of twenty-five bolts in nice bright flowers of the latest designs. These goods will make a nice Spring and Summer dress and nothing nicer for wrappers.

ask to see them when you call. We have a line of shirt waist, also a very handsome line of shirt waist goods, collars and cuffs of the very latest. Our line of vests for ladies will please any one in quality or price. We believe we have the best 10 and 25c hose for ladies and the best 10c hose for children in Crockett, call and see them. Remember the John Kelly tie and slipper has no equal in wear, style and finish and sold only by **McLean & Wilson.**

Young men call and see our line of Wilson Bros. shirts in negligee, colored fronts and whites. Do you need a suit of clothes, if so we have one in color and price to suit you. Do you need a nice cool coat we have a nice Summer linen coat worth \$1.25 for 75c, call and see them. You will find the best line of Straw Hats in our store that ever came to Crockett. Gentlemen our line of underwear is very complete in white and all the colors, any size drawers in Pepperell or Scrivens, also knit. Just received a new line of Crossett's shoes in Tan, Pat., Call, Cordovan and Kangaroo, we believe we can fit any foot in town as we have any last from A to G.

RESPECTFULLY,

MCLEAN & WILSON.

The only complete line of laces and embroideries are to be found at **MISTROT'S.**

The attempt to contest the hog law election in this precinct, fall through, or was postponed, we learn, on account of failure to make bond.

Collector Sheridan is hard at work on his report for the commissioners' court. He is getting it ready for the May term of that court.

J. M. Crook left Monday for Ft. Worth to represent Crockett Lodge of K. P. at the State Commandery of K. P. which meets at Ft. Worth this week.

Watch your stock and the buffalo gnats. Hundreds of horses have died from their ravages before it was known that these pests were in existence.

The case of the "Long heirs" vs. J. C. Wootters et al, decided by Judge Hill, of Livingston in favor of J. C. Wootters will be appealed by the heirs.

The COURIER has the only job office there is in Houston county. When you have work of this character to be done, why not give it to the home office and thereby help home enterprise?

Help home institutions. The men who have put their money in the ice plant did so, believing that the people of Crockett would appreciate such enterprise and show their appreciation by supporting it.

As soon as we can get the provisions of the law just passed by the legislature, fining all who allow their hogs to run at large in the precinct voting the law, we will print the same. The bill has passed the legislature and has become a law, without the approval of the governor, if we mistake not.

Try a plunge bath at the Laundry for that tired feeling.

New line of ladies straw sailors and shirt waists at **MISTROT BROS & Co.**

The finest line of white goods to be had in Crockett is at Mistrot's, including the finest French organ-dies.

You should remember that when you give your Laundry work to the home laundry, you keep your money at home.

If you haven't any money to spend, you can at least keep posted on styles by dropping in occasionally at Mistrot's.

Come! Come! Come!!! The summer now is here. Come out to Arledge & Kennedy's and buy your refrigerators, freezers, coolers etc.

Mrs. J. T. Swither, nee Kathleen Saunders, of Temple, recognized at one time as the belle of Bell county, will arrive this week on a visit to Mrs. Helen Lipscomb.

Buffalo gnats have killed a score or more of horses in the eastern part of the county. The heads of the stock were cut open and great clots of gnats were found inside of the heads.

Dr. Smith Wootters and Miss Sue Craddock were married at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. We will have an account of the ceremony in our next, it being too late for this issue. We hope our lady friends and reporters will furnish us a write up of it.

On a visit to Lovelady, a short time since, we noted quite a number of improvements among which most striking was a residence nearing completion for James Barber. The style of it is decidedly unique and odd and yet elegant and tasty, a credit to the laws, the architect and the builder.

Highest price paid for cattle and hogs at the

HATCHELL MARKET.

Mr. James Christian, living on the Lacy place, showed us on Thursday, the tail of a rattle snake killed on that place. It had 18 rattles and the snake weighed 25 pounds and measured 4 feet and 4 inches in length.

When you have any job work work that you want done, remember that the COURIER has a job plant and the only one there is in the county. Why send off to get your work done when you can get it done here at reasonable figures?

The hog law for this precinct goes into effect about May the first. The present legislature has passed a law imposing a fine on all persons who fail to put up their hogs etc., and thereby preventing them from depredating on others.

Until May 1st \$600, half cash, will buy a fine two acre lot adjoining Dr. Smith on east. Good well of pure water. Fine shade trees. Four room house on back end of lot, leaving good building site on front. **A. D. LIPSCOMB.**

What inducement is there for those who have money to put it in local enterprise when those living here will not support such enterprises but send off for things they need, that can be had at their own door? Stand by and support your home enterprise. That is the way to build up your town.

The following parties took advantage of the cheap excursion rates and left for points in the southwest, Tuesday: Miss Bertha Mangum for Austin, Mrs. Fannie Long to San Antonio to see her mother Miss Ole Gayle in San Antonio and Brent Wilson to Carrollton on a health trip.

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We have just bought a car of the celebrated **SWEET and PURE FLOUR** and solicit your orders.

We guarantee it pure, soft wheat and **nothing finer can be had.** The whiteness, rising qualities and sweetness it is at the top. While such high grade flour costs a good deal more than **CHEAP** stuff, it will pay you to buy only the best. Inferior flour is not cheap at any price. If you are using S. and P. you know that what we say is a fact—if not try a barrel or sack and you will then take no other.

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All my property in the eastern part of the county, including several hundred acres of land, sawmill, and gin, all appointments, equipments and improvements. Terms easy and figures surprisingly low to any one in earnest.

J. H. RATLIFF, Ratliff, Texas.

Take Up.

A runaway horse, roanish color, sorrel mane and tail, branded U L on right hip, and notify R. W. Halton, Nacogdoches, Texas, and receive reward for trouble and expense.

Strayed.

One dark bay mare, 5 or 6 years old. Black mane and tail. Mane hangs on right side; no brand. Scars on face and fore legs. Take up and notify **ZERE LYNN, Pennington, Texas.**

Stray Notice.

Taken up by Coll Bennett, 7 miles west of Crockett, and returned before W. D. Fritchard, J. P. Price No. 1, on March 25th 1897. One sorrel mare colt, five years old and tall white piglet ten years old, no brand. **W. D. FRITCHARD, Crockett, Texas.**

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.
J. T. DIXON, Editor.

Cattle shipping from Crockett has been a big business for ten days or more. To date there have been some six or seven thousand shipped out to the territory and other points. They are still shipping and when they get through, the number will be close to ten thousand head. The cattle come from Houston and adjoining counties of Trinity, Walker, Angelina, and Nacogdoches. Frank Smith and O. D. Kirkpatrick are the principal shippers.

Trip to Austin.

In response to the wishes and requests of the mass meeting of our people called to protest against the organization of the proposed district in which Houston county is placed, the writer in company with Sheriff Waller and a committee from Anderson county left for Austin Monday morning and at once went to work to study the situation. We found that while no one in particular was in favor of the redistricting bill, there was still a strong sentiment for it, because such a proposition was demanded by the state platform. The writer with others, spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there at work, endeavoring to show the iniquity and injustice of the measure, so far as this county was concerned. In the House there is a decided majority for the bill and it will undoubtedly pass that body if it every comes up on a second or third reading. The senate is very close with a narrow majority against the bill at the time of our leaving. There is some danger of the bill passing and becoming a law, but we feel reasonably confident that it will not, so far as the Senate is concerned, at least. And but for the popping of the party last by some, high in authority, the bill would never have been called up in either house. Protests are rolling in from this district and especially Houston county as well as other parts of the state. There is no merit in the measure, not even that of economy since the number of districts are reduced only four by the bill. While not proper or prudent just yet to publish all that we did, it is sufficient to say, that we were reasonably well satisfied with the work done while there and returned home Thursday morning. Since returning home, Senator Rogers writes us that the situation has not changed for the worse since leaving and that he is confident the bill will not pass the Senate, if it gets that far.

A Mystery.

Hundreds of people of good standing living in Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas have during the past four weeks been mystified by a strange visitor passing through the air in the shape of an air ship. It seems impossible that so many people in different places can be deceived by such an appearance. Persons of high standing in a number of sections have declared that they witnessed the mysterious stranger sailing through the air. The vessel had wings, a head light and a tail. One person declares that he saw men in it at work and another, that he heard them talking distinctly. As yet there is no explanation of the illusion as some seem to think it. It is an illusion, it is most remarkable that such apparitions should be seen by so many in different places. It is impossible that a human being should be seen in such a manner by so many people in so many different places.

A Juvenile Fete.

Goethe's prescription for happiness was, each day, "to look at the beautiful blue sky, read the lofty sentiment of some poet or philosopher, or to make somebody happy." If this be a true guide then Mrs. Nagle must possess the elusive gift to a high degree, for she certainly has the happy faculty of giving pleasure to others.

Friday afternoon, 16th of April, she entertained two score of Little Men and Little Women of Crockett in honor of her son's birthday. It was Master Caldwell's third introduction to this stage we call the world, and his first to Trousers. He stood on the steps of the front porch, hands deep in pockets, too much engrossed with the contemplation of the serious realities his young manhood opened up to him, to longer care for the companionship of wee boys and girls. He has announced his intention of striking from his calling list the babies who can not wear pants.

The first thing seen on driving up to the house, was a large cedar on the lawn, converted into an April X-mas tree by being hung from top to bottom with pink and blue ribbon, tied bags of candy and nuts. These were distributed at the close of the afternoon to the children as souvenirs.

Rope jumping, see saws, marbles, bubble-blowing, etc., contributed to the entertainment of the little folks while the older ones enjoyed their joy, and also a pleasant chat about Easter hats and dresses.

The Crockett String Band played delightful music for the occasion. At five o'clock the signal for refreshments was given by Master Caldwell. The wee tots were served first, the grown folks very properly giving way to the future Presidents and Queens of the Republic. The table was entirely covered with rare and beautiful flowers, tokens of birthday good wishes. Spaces were left for delicious cake and ice cream. Happy children! No one truly appreciates as a child does—soon we get "lost in that worldliness that sears and scars—and forget to properly esteem the little joys of life. Many happy returns to Master Caldwell and "may his shadows never grow less!"

By one of his friends.

Easter Celebration at Ratcliff.

Under the management of Mr. J. H. Ratcliff, Tom Hallmark, I. S. Mason, Steve Ratcliff and others, the Sunday School pupils of Ratcliff, celebrated Easter Sunday with beautiful songs, essays and recitations, all of which were rendered with fine effect, and took the audience by surprise. The details about the management of the affair were very interesting, for at the conclusion of the celebration the cravings of this inner man were felt and the company all divided themselves out among the neighbors and satisfied themselves with a good dinner. After a pleasant hour of social intercourse the crowd dispersed, feeling that it had been good to be there.

Tony Gossett.

Strayed or Stolen.

One bay mare, with large bell on shoulder, about 10 months old. Two colts, about 1 year old each, branded J 8 on shoulder. Any information as to their whereabouts will be liberally rewarded. Crockett, Tex. Jno. B. Satterwhite

Of the several hundred subscribers we have at the Crockett post office, not one half have paid their subscriptions for 1898. Next fall when settling time comes, they will contend, and honestly too, that they paid last year's subscription. This is heard on a paper that has served the people of Crockett and the county for seven years and more without a single omission. It had enough to sell itself and to pay its expenses, but the subscribers were not to be trusted.

A Bad Negro.

Wiley Cook (col.) was arrested this week for forgery. He forged the name of Alex Davis (col.) for goods, to the firms of Craddock & Co. and Thompson & Lundy. He was jailed and bound over to the grand jury in thirteen different cases, the bond being fixed at a hundred dollars in each case.

A Cutting Scrape.

Gilbert Levelady (col.) and Henry Coulter, (col.) living near Coltharp, got into trouble about some cooking utensils, when Gilbert drew a knife or razor and cut Henry to the hollow. It seems that the trouble first started among the women folks about cooking vessels and these two got into it as friends of the women.

Married.

Miss Imogene Stubblefield, a charming young lady of this city, was married on the 18th inst. at Pine Valley, Tex., to Mr. Harry Heath, of that city. The Courier extends to them its best wishes.

For Sale or Exchange.

My home, comprising about one acre of ground and Livery Outfit of horses and vehicles. Will sell on time with easy terms or exchange for farming lands in a mile or mile and half of Crockett.

H. J. ARLEDGE.

GOOD NEWS.
MANGUM'S SPOT CASH BULLETIN:

I will sell you today the following goods at prices named:
Best head rice, 15 pounds for \$1.00.
Best navy beans, 25 lbs for \$1.00.
A & H brand soda 2 lbs for .15.
Best Scotch oat meal, 3 packages for .25.
Best parlor matches 2 dozen boxes for .25.
Best lump starch, per lb .5.
Best Canned corn 4 cans for .35.
" " tomatoes 3 cans for .25.
Evaporated apples in one lb packages, something extra fine, 4 packages for .30.
Jelly, assorted flavors, 15 lbs for .60.
White Swan, the best flour on the market, per sack .140.
Second pat. flour, per sack .125.
High pat. flour, per bbl .525.
Prices on all other goods in stock in proportion. These are SPOT CASH prices. No goods booked or "ticket in drawer," for any one, even for a day.
No Book-keeper to pay. No bad accounts to lose. SPOT CASH and one price to everybody is my motto. I want your trade. Come and see me.
Respectfully,
Jno. MANGUM.
4-14-'97.

Summer Normal School.

All those interested in a Summer Normal School to be had at Crockett this summer will please correspond, or send in their names at once, that I may know the number interested in such a move since all necessary arrangements have been perfected looking thereto. Prof. Walker King, of the Crockett Academy, assisted by Prof. F. M. Martin, of the Lovelady Academy have both consented to teach the White Normal School, while Prof. J. W. Williams assisted by Prof. T. G. W. Tarver will teach the Colored Normal School, provided the attendance will be large enough to justify their doing so.
E. WILFEE, County Judge.

Stray Notice.

Taken up by W. V. Berry, on his farm, in Houston county, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Pre. No. 1, on April 15th 1897, the following described animals:
One bay Horse, black mane and tail, 5 years old; no brand. One black horse with white tip on nose, and white spot in face and branded STKS, 10 years old. Appraised at \$30.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of April 1897. At Houston, Texas.

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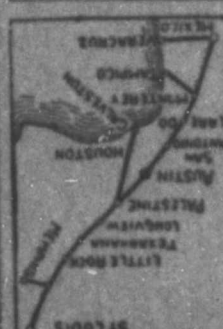
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Estray Notice.

Reported to me by W. E. Hall, Com. Pre. No. 2, Houston county, Texas, April 12th 1897, the following described animal. One dun mare, about 12 or 13 years old, branded O on right jaw and Spanish brand on right shoulder; about 14 hands high; all four legs white half way to knees, blaze face. In care of W. D. Morehead, 10 miles west of Crockett, on Mustang Prairie. Filed April 12th 1897.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of April 1897. At Houston, Texas.

Notice in Probate.

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of February 1897, the undersigned, whose postoffice address is Crockett, Tex. was appointed and subsequently qualified administrator of the estate of Willis Rhodes, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present same to the undersigned for his approval within twelve months, as the law requires.

JONAS I. MOORE, Adm'r Est. Willis Rhodes.

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