
Newspaper Materials
Relating to the
HISTORY OF JEFFERSON, TEXAS
1842-1875

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KEY

CG	<i>Caddo Gazette</i> (Shreveport)
CN	<i>Confederate News</i> (Jefferson)
DJ	<i>Daily Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
DST	<i>Daily Shreveport Times</i>
DSW	<i>Daily South-Western</i> (Shreveport)
ETG	<i>Eastern Texas Gazette</i> (Jefferson)
HA	<i>Home Advocate</i> (Jefferson)
HF	<i>Harrison Flag</i> (Marshall)
HG	<i>Herald & Gazette</i> (Jefferson)
JH	<i>Jefferson Herald</i>
JN	<i>Jefferson News</i>
JR	<i>Jefferson Radical</i>
NS	<i>Northern Standard</i> (Clarksville)
SWSN	<i>Semi-Weekly Shreveport News</i>
SDN	<i>Shreveport Daily News</i>
SN	<i>Shreveport News</i>
SOTA	<i>Spirit of the Age</i> (Jefferson)
SSP	<i>Star State Patriot</i> (Marshall)
SSWN	<i>Shreveport Semi-Weekly News</i>
SWJ	<i>Semi-Weekly Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
SWN	<i>Shreveport Weekly News</i>
SW	<i>South-Western</i> (Shreveport)
TJ	<i>The Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
TR	<i>Texas Republican</i> (Marshall)
TS	<i>The Standard</i> (Clarksville)
WJ	<i>Weekly Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
WT	<i>Washington Telegraph</i> (Washington, Arkansas)
WTR	<i>Weekly Times and Republican</i> (Jefferson)
WWT	<i>Weekly Washington Telegraph</i> (Washington, Arkansas)

All of the newspapers on microfilm or in hard copy were scanned for information on Jefferson, and the information was typed out on computer. The only limitations on what has been produced is that some of the originals were damaged (and therefore the information is permanently lost), and the quality of microfilm reproduction of some of the early issues of such things as the *Clarksville Northern Standard* is poor, which means that completeness can be achieved only by reference to the originals (which was not done). In some cases, information tangential to Jefferson's history is referenced parenthetically. Information on steamboats to Jefferson in the Shreveport navigation columns has not been included because it is covered exhaustively in my *A History of Navigation on Cypress Bayou and the Lakes*.

The only inclusions in this document that were not obtained from microfilm resources were: (1) a poor reproduction of the December 16, 1848, Jefferson *Spirit of the Age*, which was obtained from the *Jimplecute* office; a copy of an article on a proposed Jefferson hospital, which appeared in the March 22, 1870, *Jimplecute* and was included in the Surgeon General of the Army's 1870 report on the Medical History of the Post of Jefferson, which was obtained from the National Archives (Record Group 94); an original of the November 4, 1871, *Home Advocate*, which was obtained from the Texas History Museum; and (3) various copies of Jefferson newspapers in the collection of Catherine Wise (now in the Texas History Museum), including the May 14, 1853, *Jefferson Herald*; August 2, 1865, *Jimplecute*; April 19, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; May 21, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; September 24, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; October 11, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; April 4, 1870, *Daily Jimplecute*; October 2, 1874, *Weekly Jimplecute*; November 23, 1875, *Daily Jimplecute*; and December 18, 1875, *Daily Jimplecute*.

The only additional newspapers from this period that I am aware of are: (1) the November 4 and December 2, 16, and 23, 1864, Jefferson *Trans-Mississippi Bulletin*, hard copies of which are available at the University of Texas in Austin; an original of the May 6, 1864, *Trans-Mississippi Bulletin*, which is available at the Jefferson Historical Society & Museum; an original of the August 13, 1873, *Home Advocate*, which is available at the Texas History Museum; microfilm copies of the August 11 and 18 and September 18 *Jefferson Radical*, which are available at the North Texas State Library in Denton; 1875 issues of the *Marshall Tri-Weekly Herald*, which are available on microfilm from Southwest Micropublishing, Inc.; and various originals of Jefferson newspapers available in the collection of Linda Prouty in Stonewall, Louisiana, including the July 28 and September 27, 1869, *Daily Jimplecute*; November 24, 1870, *Weekly Times and Republican*; October 2, 1874, *Weekly Jimplecute*; and others.

The advertisements are (with the exception of some of the Jefferson newspapers) from the first appearance of the advertisement in the extant sources and include subsequent modifications. The date on which the advertisement first appeared in the newspaper is often indicated in the advertisement. No attempt has been made to indicate length of time of appearance.

65-1

(Carpenter of the *Jefferson News* mentioned.) (TR 1/20/65)

65-2

(R. P. Crump advertises a horse for sale in Marshall.) (TR 1/20/65)

65-3

In consequence of high waters and bad roads, the mails, from every direction, have failed. It has been more than a week since we have received a newspaper beyond Henderson. The swamps beyond Shreveport are full, and the roads impassible. Communication between this point and Jefferson is for the present closed. Big and Little Cypress are out of their banks, and the intermediate sloughs swimming. Nevertheless all the stages that leave here, (and they continue to leave,) are loaded down with freight and passengers. (TR 2/10/65)

65-4

We had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. J. V. Hamilton, Editor of the Tyler Reporter, and Mr. J. A. Carpenter, Editor of the Confederate News. We were pleased to find both gentlemen looking well and in fine spirits. (SN 2/28/65)

65-5

"The Jimplecute" is a spicy little sheet published at Jefferson, Texas, E. C. BEAZLY & Co., Editors and Proprietors. Our old friend "Ned" has at last gratified his penchant of sixteen years' standing, of publishing a sheet under the above title. Hear him, and stand from under:

"Should any man feel aggrieved at anything published in this paper, let him come to *me*, 'for him I have offended,' and if I can not made reparation by words, then 'let slip the dogs of war,' for I am a good target for a '*miner*' ball. I am the *fighting editor*. Look out, for this *club foot contains concentrated thunder and lightning*."

"Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn,
Yet I have no grave yard."

Too much fighting material to be wasted. Therefore, to the front! to the front! (TR 3/3/65)

65-6

TO "INUENDO" OF THE JIMPLECUTE.--We answer your inquiries: 1st. There is no such suit as you mention. 2nd. Gov. Murrah's "head" is not only "level," but he is every day increasing in popularity. 3rd. We would advise you and your friends to vote for him or some other honest, pure patriot for Governor, but we have no idea you will do it. We are aware of the fact that you are already preparing to bring out a *fishy* candidate, whose antecedents and strong points we shall take particular pains to show up. 4th and 5th. We intend to go to the front, but when we do, we never expect to find you or your sort there. Too contemptible and sneaking to write over your own signature, or to look an honest man in the face, you are but obeying the

behests of a depraved nature, in hating every honorable man. We know you, nevertheless, as a miserable wretch who has been dodging from pillow to post, defying all efforts at conscription, and recognized by all men who know you as an enemy to your country in the present struggle.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing we discover that "Inuendo," *alias* the "miserable wretch," is Beazley himself! Is thy "head level?" (TR 3/3/65)

65-7

We have received the first number of a spicy little sheet, published at Jefferson, Texas, by E. C. Beazly, & Co., under the title of the Jimplecute. We wish the paper a successful career. (SN 3/14/65)

65-8

Beazley, of the Jimplecute, describes himself, in his last issue, as "a wandering vagabond, like some vast planet out of its orbit." While we agree with Chesterfield, in his admirable letters to his son, that a man knows himself better than any one else, we cannot but think the vanity of our contemporary has enlarged the circle of his "orbit." His is a "narrow circle." Two revolutions, and the--gutter! (TR 3/24/65)

65-9

An editor's strength exists or is supposed to exist in the brain; but our contemporary of the "Jimplecute," seems to pride in the conceit that the solidity of his understanding is to be found in his feet. Nor is this altogether unreasonable. His feet being right, of course his head is likely to be level. From his last two issues, however, we are brought to the conclusion that his feet is wrong, his constitution slightly impaired; *ergo*, that his head is not level. We would advise our contemporary to devote himself to his feet, to always plant them properly, in self protection, and to look out that no fluids find their way to the nucleus of his intellectual power. Dropsy of the legs, in his case, would, we imagine, be not unlike dropsy of the brain in another. In either the patient is carried off; one dies, and the other is carried to the lock up, or guard house. (TR 3/31/65)

65-10

Beazly, of the Jimplecute, thinks he looks very brilliant in the dust, but concludes, that, in that condition, he "is liable to be trodden upon by brutes and in danger of vagrant dogs." Very true; but then he knows, there are quite a number of benevolent people about Jefferson ready to pick him up and "place him where the dogs cannot bite him." (TR 3/31/65)

65-11

Beazly, of the Jimplecute, begins to see bed bugs, biting negroes, &c. Poor fellow! The next thing we hear, he will begin to see rats, monkies, and snakes. (TR 4/7/65)

65-12

Thanks friend Beasely for your complimentary notice. Our motto is "Excelsior." A compliment from so _____ cute a source is appreciated, and our every energy will be put forth to toe the mark. (SN 4/11/65)

65-13

A gentleman the other day, in our hearing, asked for a copy of the "Nincompoop." Wonder if he had any reference to Beazley? (TR 5/12/65)

65-14

We take pleasure in calling attention to the card of Messrs. Harper, Walker, & Co., New Orleans. Mr. Walker, is Geo. W. Walker, Jr., of Jefferson, Texas, well and favorably known throughout the State, as a gentleman of probity, agreeable manners, and superior business qualifications. His popularity will ensure the house, with which he is associated, a large business. (TR 6/30/65)

65-15

DIED.

At the residence of Mr. G. Frank, Jefferson, Texas, May 9, 1865, ALICE McLEAN, infant daughter of Rev. F. J. and Missouri S. Patillo, aged 10 months and 11 days. (TR 6/30/65)

65-16

Mail to Jefferson.

Maj. Rose, who for the past two years has carried the mail from Houston to the armies east of the Mississippi, has commenced carrying the mail between Clarksville and Jefferson, until such time as the Government mail is resumed. This gives us communication with the world once more. Persons non-subscribers on the route, who wish to forward letters or papers, will have to pay in advance twenty-five cents on each letter; and ten cents on each newspaper; and on the packets transmitted going beyond Jefferson, will of course have to forward the U. S. Postage to pay carriage beyond that point. (TS 7/1/65)

65-17

A TERRIBLE RENCONTRE.--A desperate affray came off on Dallas Street, on the 27th inst., which, for desperation, rancor, and venom the most inveterate foes could not possess. E. Charming Beazely, the editor of the Jimplecute, and that noted creature who has tendered himself so conspicuous upon previous occasions--the Billy Goat. It created no little excitement to see Billy throw himself back on his haunches, and, with a determination that would have done credit to the bravest of the brave, charged upon our contemporary; but Beazely, with much presence of mind and disposition to hold his ground, met the shock nobly, and to the astonishment of all, vanquished his foe.--*Jefferson Bulletin*. (TR 7/7/65)

65-18

Brig. Gen. Veatch paid a visit to Jefferson, last week. He is highly spoken by our contemporaries. (TR 7/15/65)

65-19

(Freedmen's Bureau is in operation in Jefferson.) (TS 7/15/65)

"JIMPLECUTE."--We have time and again been asked what is "Jimplecute," where did it come from, who does it belong to, what does it mean, &c. We even went so far as to search through Webster, American Encyclopedia, Mother Goose melodies, and other standard works, but "nary" Jimplecute did we find. To settle the matter, we consulted our neighbor of the "News," and we individually and collectively come to the conclusion that it was a *cute jinny* turned loose on the world to seek whom it may devour. Fatal mistake? Justice requires that we should make amends which we do by reprinting an extract from the last "Jimplecute." We take the responsibility ourselves, as the editor of the News is absent:

"We have been informed that the New Orleans Picayune wants to know 'what the Jimplecute is.' Just to think that one of the greatest journals of the age should remain in ignorance of so great an event as the birth of the Jimplecute. The Picayune must certainly be badly supplied with the means of obtaining the news, but so it is. We can inform the Picayune that the Jimplecute *is the Jimplecute*, a live rip-snorting, fearless, independent newspaper of small dimensions, and large notoriety, that has more subscribers than any paper in existence, of its own age. Born in the smoke and battle of rebellion, to war for its country's cause and expose thieves and public plunders, it made a few enemies and many friends. Surviving the crash of matter and wreck of worlds, she still lives and expects (if the powers that be will permit) to enlarge its dimensions and furnish its readers and the Picayune with all the news from the greatest State in God's whole dominions.

For the definition of the name, we copy from our first number: "Many of our readers will doubtless wish to know the definition of our title. We will enlighten them. It means *everything* in nature in one combined mass, and *nothing* in particular. Such we conceive to be its true import. The song of the frog in his pond, the chirp of the merry spring bird or the cricket on the hearth-stone, all form a part of its meaning, seeming to say:

"Give us utterance."

In short, we will *rip* with Euripides and *soc* with Socrates, and like the mocking bird

"Sing the wild songs of our native land."

Bully for the Jimplecute? "*We are sick, send for Maginnis.*" (SW 7/19/65)

TEXAS.--We clip the following items of interests from the Trans- Miss. Bulletin, of the 21st inst., published at Jefferson, Texas: The bayou is on a stand. Navigation for second class boats will doubtless be good for several weeks yet.

Capt. J. B. Jones, Co. D, 8th Illinois infantry, has arrived here, duly authorized to parole officers and soldiers of any of the Texas regiments lately disbanded. His office is next door to the City hotel, on Marshall street.

A detachment of Federal troops, consisting of Co. D, 8th Illinois infantry, arrived in town last Saturday and reported for duty to the provost marshal, Lieut. Railsback. They are encamped near the ordnance buildings, on the south side of the bayou.

The Paris Press has been resumed, after a suspension of three years. It is still under the editorial management of F. W. Miner, Esq., a good writer and a sterling patriot. The Press announces Hon. B. H. Epperson, as a candidate for governor at the ensuing August election.

A Good Appointment.--Our old friend, D. D. Walton, has been appointed city marshal of Jefferson, and has entered upon the duties of his office. There never was a better appointment.

Capt. Walton is a gentleman; energetic, stirring, uncompromising; and we shall not be surprised if such of our municipal affairs as come legitimately under his notice, are better managed than ever before.

Private Contracts Made Under Confederate Rule.--In reply to a communication addressed by one of our citizens to Col. Sheets, commanding post, at Marshall, in regard to the validity of private contracts entered into during the war, the following reply has been received, which we are permitted to publish for the information of our readers:

HEADQUARTERS, MARSHALL, TEXAS,

July 15, 1865.

W. C. GILLIAN, Jefferson, Marion county, Texas,

Sir:--All contracts made between parties--private sales or wills duly executed during the rebellion--are legal and binding, and the provisions thereof must be carried into effect. It is impracticable for the military authorities to take action in the matter at present, but unless civil law is speedily established, the military authorities will take such action as will insure justice to all.

Respectfully,

JOSHUA A. SHEETS,

Col. and Brevet Brig. Gen. Commanding Post. (SW 7/26/65)

65-22

Mr. A. Powell, of Jefferson, had the kindness to send us quite a number of interesting New Orleans papers. (TR 7/28/65)

65-23

(*The Jimplecute*, Vol. 1, No. 19, August 2, 1865; published on Wednesday; W. J. F. Morgan, publisher and proprietor; \$3 a year in advance; produce accepted in lieu of money; mottoes: "Life, Light and Liberty--We speak what we think" and "Give Us Utterance.") (TJ 8/2/65)

65-24

HOME MANUFACTURE.

It will be seen from our advertising columns that Wm. Fisher intends continuing in the Shoe and Leather Business in this city. C. W. Stewart will also remain in the Foundry business. We are pleased to see those useful avocations going ahead. Bitter experience has taught us that it is our interest and duty to aid such with all our patronage. Our country can now be built up in no other way than by making everything we can among ourselves; and no one will be excusable for buying products or goods from abroad while they can procure those made at home of equal grade and price. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-25

Wm. Fisher offers splendid inducements to those wanting to make money, by offering to sell or rent his plantations and Tan Yards. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-26

Our esteemed friend J. C. PRESTON, has made us glad by the present of files of all the leading papers of the Union, including a copy of our old favorite the "Spirit of the Times." Such favors are most highly appreciated. Joe is just from New Orleans with a fresh stock of Drugs, Medicines and everything else in his line of business. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-27

We are informed that the time for contracting with freedmen in this county expires on the 6th inst. A fine not less than \$50 will be assessed against all who fail to contract. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-28

Our city authorities seem to be doing a thriving business, the Mayor's Court being generally crowded with business. It seems rather hard for some people to learn that law and order is once more in force. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-29

We notice several business houses opened here in the last week. We presume they will in due time let the public know who they are and what they have to sell. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-30

We are authorized to announce Hon B. H. EPPERSON, of Red River county, as a Candidate for Governor of the State, at the next election. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-31

We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Hasty & Moore; read it, and by so doing you will find out where you can get the very best of fresh meats, every morning. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-32

Mr. E. EBERSTADT, who has charge of the office of the Fleta, will accept our thanks for his kind favors. We have often heard of him as the friend of the Printer, and a most clever gentleman; now we know it, and are glad to find him on our most popular boat. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-33

It will be seen from both our N. Orleans and Jefferson Prices Current, that cotton has gone down considerably. We are not able to give the cause, but we say to our friends, "hold on to your cotton." (TJ 8/2/65)

65-34

The public will be glad to learn that Dr. Campbell, Surgeon Dentist, has opened his office for business. He has no superior in his profession. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-35

We call attention to the card of C. E. Brinck. Mr. B. has entered permanently into business in this city, and possesses superior advantages for giving good trades. Dont fail to see him when you come to Jefferson. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-36

Powell & Bro., advertise large quantities of Bagging and Rope. We are pleased to see them in business here again. Few men possess better business qualifications or more public spirit than the Messrs. Powell. They are the kind our country needs to bring back former prosperity. We do hope those indebted to them will heed their call, settle up and enable them to increase their business.--In good faith we advise our friends to always call on them before selling their cotton or buying supplies. (TJ 8/2/65)

65-37

The friends of the Jefferson News, will be gratified to learn that Rev. J. A. Carpenter has resumed his position as editor. The paper will prosper under his management. (TR 8/4/65)

65-38

The Jefferson News, speaking of the meeting held in Lamar county on the 17th ult., makes the following remarks:

"This is a good move, and a move in the right direction, and we heartily commend it to the favorable consideration of the people. They would, however, be cautious in the selection of candidates. Let us have men of sterling worth, tried patriotism, and stoic firmness. Yes, men who know the right, and knowing dare maintain it at every peril. The convention will be forced to act under Executive proscription in reference to the emancipation of slavery, hence the conclusion that it will require men of sound discriminating judgment to successfully buffet the storm. The question is, will the people, by a constitutional provision, abolitionize the State, and thereby legalize the unconstitutional acts of the Administration for the abolition of slavery?"

That is the question, and a very grave one for the consideration of the people. We know enough of public sentiment in Texas, to speak advisedly, when we say, that the question of suffrage cannot be so circumscribed as to induce the people to vote for immediate emancipation; for it is now apparent, whatever doubts may have existed before, that immediate emancipation is fraught with ruin and misery to the white and black races. (TR 8/4/65)

65-39

The quantity of iron in the several beds discovered near Jefferson seems to be equal to any demand.--The yield of rich ore is immense and the quantity almost boundless. It is proper to state that several furnaces are in operation in the portion of Texas alluded to, one of them for a number of years. They have supplied the country with castings for several years past, and during the war supplied the ore for nearly all the shot and shell manufactured. There is no rolling mill in operation in Texas at present, but this, we presume, will not be much longer neglected. (SSWN 8/8/65)

65-40

See fresh arrivals at the house of Mr. C. E. Brink. If you want to buy, remember that he sells as cheap as the cheapest, and either him or friend Stilly will be sure to wait on you, if you call. (JN 8/11/65)

65-41

We call attention to the card of Messrs. Wright & Gunter, in this issue. These gentlemen are extensively and favorably known as thorough and reliable merchants; and, as such, we need only call the attention of the public to the fact that they have recently taken charge of Mr. Freeman's buildings, and have imported to our market one of the largest and best stock of merchandise in this city. We are authorized to say that these gentlemen design doing an extensive Receiving, Forwarding and Commission business, and will contract any business confided to their care faithfully and promptly.

Persons wishing business transacted in New Orleans or New York, can have it done by applying to these gentlemen. Call and see for yourselves.

They have ample room for the purpose of storing either cotton or merchandise. (JN 8/11/65)

65-42

We call attention to the card of Mr. Schluter, better known as Mr. Ribold, in to-day's paper. This is a character of mechanism much needed here, and we have no doubt Mr. S. is fully capable to do any work in his line. Persons wishing work done, will do well to give him a call. (JN 8/11/65)

65-43

We learn from the last number of the Jefferson "Jimplecute" that in future that journal will make its appearance twice a week, instead of weekly. The editor says that the increased business of that thriving city demands it. We congratulate our contemporary on this evidence of his prosperity. The neighborhood in and around about Jefferson must be well posted if these well-conducted papers are any evidence of the fact. (SW 8/16/65)

65-44

JEFFERSON ITEMS.--We clip the following items from the Trans-Miss. Bulletin of the 11th inst.:

The weather still remains excessively warm and dry. The Cypress is falling, with abundance of water, however, for light draught boats to Shreveport. Business is not quite as lively as it has been. Cotton, nevertheless, comes in in large quantities, and every downstream steamer is loaded to the guards.

Col. R. P. Crump and Lieut. Col. W. P. Saufley, recently of the Confederate service, were arrested here last Sunday by order of Gen. Hawkins, and placed under guard, on the charge of having caused the execution of certain Union prisoners in Arkansas during the winter of 1862-3. It was understood that the arrested parties were to be taken to Fort Smith for trial, but on Monday they slipped away from the guard, and have not been heard from since.

The freed negroes are behaving very badly in this and the adjoining counties. With occasional exceptions, they are utterly regardless of the contracts they have entered into, and knowing very well that there exists no compulsion to labor, or even to respect their contracts, they have become in the majority of cases quite worthless as plantation hands. Many of them wander from place to place through the country, subsisting by theft and pillage, and very few of them earn the bread they receive from their former masters. In town, our enterprising city

marshal, Capt. Walton, manages to keep them in tolerable order; but from all that we can hear, things could hardly be worse than they now are, in the country. (SW 8/16/65)

65-45

See the advertisement of Messrs. Wright & Gunter, Jefferson. (TR 8/18/65)

65-46

DIED.

At Camp Sheridan, Jefferson, Texas, Aug. 14th, of inflammation of the Brain, after a short illness, HENSON HUNT, Co. D. 8th Ill. Infantry Vet. Vol'trs, aged 24 years. He leaves a widowed mother, five sisters, and two brothers to mourn his loss. (TR 8/18/65)

65-47

See the advertisement of Mr. Powell & Bro., receiving forwarding, and commission merchants, and dealers in dry goods, hardware, and groceries, Jefferson, Texas. Those visiting Jefferson for the purpose of purchasing, would do well to call on them. (TR 8/25/65)

65-48

Messrs. Wright & Gunter, it will be seen from their card, which we publish in this week's issue, have formed a copartnership, and gone into business at Jefferson. Thorough business men, kind and obliging in their manners, and possessing the confidence of the community, it is to be anticipated that they will be liberally sustained. (TR 8/25/65)

65-49

We are requested by Mr. Morgan, the publisher of the Jimplecute, at Jefferson to request persons visiting Jefferson on business, to call, and get the paper free of charge; as he is desirous of circulating it. (TS 8/26/65)

65-50

We call attention to card of Wright & Gunter Commission Merchants, at Jefferson, Texas. We understand that those gentlemen are leading Merchants, doing a large business. (TS 8/26/65)

65-51

We are indebted to Rev. Jno. Anderson, for Jefferson papers. (TS 8/26/65)

65-52

See advertisement of Mr. G. A. KELLY'S new foundry, situated four and a half miles from Jefferson on the road leading to Daingerfield. (TR 9/1/65)

65-53

See card of Wright, Harrison & Co., at Jefferson, which appeared in our last issue, as Wright, Gunter & Co. It will be perceived that two of our old citizens have become members of the firm, within the last week. They have purchased the warehouse property of the Murpheys;

have a large stock of Merchandise on hand, and more coming, and are prepared to do a large business. (TS 9/2/65)

65-54

JEFFERSON.--We clip the following paragraph from the Jefferson Jimplecute, of the 1st inst.:

The river still continues navigable to this port. We had no idea that so large a boat as the Pioneer Era could reach us on the present stage of water. There is no denying but that the lake navigation gets better each year. Since the first of January, last, there has been no day that boats could not get to Jefferson, and as the time has arrived for the fall rains to commence, we predict and believe that navigation will last the year out.

COTTON.--BUSINESS.--From appearances on the streets we think cotton comes in faster than ever.--There is a large amount in the warehouses here, the most of which we think will be held until next spring. Business of every kind is very brisk, and increasing. Almost every house that will do at all, is now filled with goods, and still they come. Workshops of every kind are going up, and kept busy; prominent physicians and lawyers are coming in, and the prospects of Jefferson were never better. (SW 9/6/65)

65-55

THE MAILS.--We clip the following from the N. O. correspondent of the Jefferson Trans.- Miss. Bulletin. He seems to speak by the card:

I called to see the governor of Louisiana, and Gen. Canby, in command of the department. They assured me that all reasonable bids for transporting the mails, in Texas, if sent to the post master general, would secure contracts. If then, we don't have mails, the fault is with us. Gentlemen who will take mail contracts, take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly! I give you the words from the post master general:--"If reasonable bids be submitted to the department for the transportation of the mails, orders will be issued authorising temporary mail-service, without any unnecessary delay." By temporary service, is meant service until Dec. 31st. All the routes will be advertised for re-letting, from Jan 1, 1866. (SW 9/6/65)

65-56

Col. R. P. Crump, and Lt.-Col. W. P. Saufley, recently of the Confederate service, were arrested here last Sunday by order of Gen. Hawkins, and placed under guard, on the ground of having caused the execuion of certain Union prisoners in Arkansas, during the winters of 1862-3. It was understood that the arrested parties were to be taken to Fort Smith for trial, but on Monday they slipped away from the guards and have not since been heard from.--*Jefferson Bulletin*, 11th. (WT 9/6/65)

65-57

(P. T. Clayton of Jefferson mentioned.) (TR 9/8/65)

65-58

Messrs. Bateman & Brother advertise one of the largest business houses in Jefferson. Do not fail to read his card, and see what he offers his friends and the public generally. (TR 9/8/65)

65-59

We think there is a prospect for the establishment of a telegraph line from Jefferson to this place, via Clarksville.... [Paris Press.] (TS 9/9/65)

65-60

Russell's Varieties contemplate leaving our city for a short trip to Marshall and Jefferson. We recommend the company to the citizens of both places, hoping that they will meet with the success due merit and enterprise. The company has performed here for eight successive nights to crowded houses. The ladies and gentlemen composing the troupe have our best wishes for their success, and we hope soon to see them again. They will give a few entertainments in this city on their return, and we have no doubt that they will have, as now, crowded houses. If you want to laugh and pass an agreeable evening, pay them a visit. (SSWN 9/16/65)

65-61

Visit to Shreveport.

After our issue of the 2d, we started for Shreveport. We found the roads on the route, dry and dusty; the temperature at mid day oppressive. Jefferson, we found lively, and preparing for active business. We saw not so many negroes on their way to freedom as we expected--only a few--and some returning to the upper country to look for work. At Jefferson none were lounging about the streets.--The energetic Mayor has them picked up at once on arrival, placed at work on the streets, and fed on bread and water, until some employer seeks their services.... (TS 9/16/65)

65-62

We call attention to card of Bateman and Bro., of Jefferson; gentlemen who have been, we believe, for some years at that place; and who intend to do a large business. They occupy the Freeman warehouse; have on hand now, plantation supplies, and are in daily expectation of a very large general stock of merchandise. We would suggest to our friends visiting Jefferson on business, to give them a call. They talk liberally; and we think intend doing business on a liberal scale. (TS 9/16/65)

65-63

Reorganization.

We would call attention of every body to the letter of Judge Gray, addressed to the editor of the Jefferson News. Especially County Courts, whose members during the late war, have grossly neglected their duties, had better look out sharply for breakers. The roads and bridges have been inexcusably neglected when there were any desirable number of road hands subject to duty; and generally, as it seems to us, the main object of County officers in getting their offices--sometime abjectly begging them--was to shield their precious persons from danger, and ignobly shirk the honorable service of their country. For this, they will be certain to receive the heartfelt remembrance of the patriotic masses of their fellow citizens. (TS 9/16/65)

65-64

JEFFERSON, TEXAS,
August 28th, 1865.

REV. J. A. CARPENTER,

SIR:--I desire to say, through your paper, to the people of the 8th Judicial District, of which I have been appointed Provisional Judge, that the Courts will be regularly held as heretofore beginning in the county of Cass and ending in Marion county. The Fall Courts will be held in such counties as are organized, and prepared for the organization of a Grand Jury. I take this occasion to urge upon the County Courts to prepare for a district Court. The Criminal and Civil Docket will be regularly called for trial; parties litigant and attorneys would do well to look to their cases, as the law and rules governing the Courts will be rigidly enforced.

I would also call the attention of the County Courts to the law regulating public roads and bridges. I am required specially to acquaint the Grand Jury with this branch of the law. It is confidently hoped that all officials will be prompt in the discharge of their duties, and those found in default will be held responsible. All good men will assist in restoring the country to peace and order.

Respectfully,

B. W. GRAY,
Prov. Dist. Judge. (TS 9/16/65)

65-65

We take pleasure in referring to the card of our old friends H. B. Orton & Co., to be found in our paper this morning. The gentlemen of the firm are old substantial and much respected citizens of the place. Their friends will be much gratified to see that they have resumed business. (SSWN 9/19/65)

65-66

THEATRICAL.--Dan Russell's varieties has arrived in Marshall. They have been playing successfully in Shreveport for some time. Their performance in this place on Wednesday and Thursday evening, was very good, and to a tolerably respectable audience. This is the first amusement of the kind, we have had in our town for nearly five years. Go and see them at the Adkins House to-night. W. E. Thomas, Manager, reserves all front seats for ladies, and guards are stationed at the entrance and in the Hall to put down disturbances, should any arise. (TR 9/22/65)

65-67

We publish the proceedings of a meeting held in Jefferson, expressive of their regrets for the inhuman murder of U. S. soldiers in Davis Co., near Hickory Hill. It was supposed to have been done by a party of men (Missourians,) who followed them down from Paris. This matter should be looked into, as it reflects no credit on the State, or section in which it occurred. (TR 9/22/65)

65-68

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a meeting of the citizens of Jefferson and surrounding country, on Saturday the 16th inst., the following action was had:

L. T. Gray being called to the Chair and O. Yerger appointed Secretary, when after the object of the meeting was explained by the Secretary to be, to take action in regard to the willful outrage and murder committed upon soldiers of the U. S. army, on the 15th inst., in the neighborhood of Hickory Hill, in Cass Co., J. H. Rogers, J. C. Murphy, D. N. Alley, A. U. Wright, T. S. Foster, and Jno. Penman, Esq., were appointed a committee to draught resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

The following Resolutions were reported and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS The citizens of Jefferson having been informed that a dastardly assault, was made on the evening of the 15th on three or four U. S. soldiers, while engaged in burying one of their comrades, near Hickory Hill, in Cass county; when two were killed, one missing, and the other reached here, giving the above information.

Now, Therefore *Be it Resolved* by the people of Jefferson and Marion County, That we regard the fact referred to as barbarous and cowardly, and that we have no language that will sufficiently express our detestation and abhorrence of the perpetrators of so foul a deed.

Resolved, That we will give our personal influence and assistance to bring the assassins to condign punishment.

On motion it was ordered that the proceeding of this meeting be published in the city papers, and that the Secretary forward a manuscript copy of the same to the Governor of Texas and the General Commanding of this Department.

L. T. GRAY, Chairman.

O. YERGER, Secretary. (TR 9/22/65)

65-69

The card of Wright, Harrison & Co., of Jefferson, Texas, will be found in another column. This is a very wealthy house, having \$100,000 active capital, which is employed in purchasing goods at the lowest cash rates in the cities of New York, St. Louis, and other places. One of the firm devotes his whole time to these purchases. (SSWN 9/30/65)

65-70

Russell Varieties--This Variety Company has this day arrived from a successful trip to Jefferson, and will open to night at Gaiety Theatre. Their former success here will bespeak for them a liberal patronage.

See small bills for particulars. (SSWN 10/3/65)

65-71

TOO BAD.--We learn from citizens of Texas, that a good deal of trade is diverted from Shreveport to other points, by reason of the depredations committed on the wagon trains in this vicinity, by a gang of highwaymen. They inform us that it is not so dangerous to go to Houston, though it is much further. We have noticed that a number of wagons, instead of camping outside

the corporation come into the town and camp under the protection of the troops. This is a good plan, and we advise all to follow it. In the meantime, something must be done to put a stop to these depredations, and afford protection to our Texas friends. (SW10/4/65)

65-72

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Wright, Harrison & Co., receiving, forwarding and commission merchants, and dealers in general merchandise, Jefferson, Texas. This house opened with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and should circumstances justify, it will be increased to double the amount. One of the partners makes it his sole business to purchase goods in the northern and western cities. (SW 10/4/65)

65-73

CRIME AND MURDER.--A great outrage was perpetrated on last Friday evening, in the neighborhood of Hickory Hill, in Davis county, about sixteen miles northwest of this place, which resulted in the death of two soldiers of the United States cavalry. A company of cavalry who was returning from Paris, Lamar county, lost one of their number by sickness, in the neighborhood of Hickory Hill, and had detailed four men to attend to the burial. While engaged in this solemn duty, they were attacked by a party of men, and two of them were killed, while another had several balls to pass through his hat and clothes, and only escaped by feigning death. From the best information we have been able to gather, the party who perpetrated this foul and cowardly deed, were men who had followed for the purpose, from the upper country, most generally believed to be Missourians.--We are glad to know that so far from the people of the neighborhood having anything to do with the atrocious deed, that some of them, including ladies, were attending the burial, when the firing took place.

An indignation meeting was held immediately in this city, more largely attended than any meeting before for the last four years, and resolutions passed, (which will be found in this paper,) denouncing the act in the strongest terms. We utterly abhor the dastardly act, calculated to bring trouble on the country, and retard the mutual good feelings being inaugurated between the two sections of the country. We have accepted the situation and laid down our arms with a pledge to support the laws and government of the United States, which all good men will faithfully abide by, and it is a great misfortune to have among us those who would thus at once commit a cold-blooded murder in the very precincts of a grave yard, and endanger the welfare of the whole country. We earnestly hope, for the sake of humanity and the well being of society, and in justice to the murdered men, that the actors in this foul and disgraceful act, may be detected and subjected to the laws for punishing such crimes. [Jefferson Jimplecute, Sept. 19th.] (SW 10/4/65)

65-74

HIPODROME BALL.--There is to be a ball at Jefferson, on Monday week, the 16th inst., at the Hipodrome ball room. It is expected to be gotten up in excellent style, and that there will be a congregation of ladies and gentlemen not only from Marion but from the adjoining counties. The hospitable people of Jefferson desire a full attendance, and to invite all the ladies of the country who attend such places of amusement. Tickets for gentlemen, \$10. Invitation cards have been sent to us to send to ladies, in the distribution of which we ask assistance. The ball is gotten up to promote good feeling in the country. (TR 10/6/65)

65-75

The Hipodrome is the name of a popular institution in Jefferson, Texas, under the management of the well known and popular gentleman, Maj. A. S. Rose. Always pay him a visit when you go to that section of the country. (SSWN 10/7/65)

65-76

The great Hipodrome Ball will come off on the 16th inst., at Jefferson, the affair will be a grand one, and everybody is expected to be present. The Shreveport Managers are, J. L. Gooch, J. P. Oldham and J. Dickinson; the New Orleans Managers: E. Kirkpatrick, C. L. Pitcher, Geo. L. Schluter and R. G. Taylor. From either of the managers, tickets can be procured. A sumptuous supper will be served up. (SSWN 10/7/65)

65-77

Don't forget to attend the Grand Hipodrome Ball, to be given in Jefferson on the 16th instant. Fun and frolic will be the order of the occasion. (SSWN 10/10/65)

65-78

We have been wondering if there was any more goods in New Orleans, New York, or anywhere else, but Shreveport. One of the papers there, has given notice of the arrival of the "largest stock ever brought," in every issue, for months. The *gas* didn't arrive; it was there at first. [Jefferson Jimplecute] (SW 10/11/65)

65-79

It is stated that the Hippodrome ball to come off on Monday evening, at Jefferson, Texas, is intended to be one of the grandest affairs of the kind that has ever taken place in Eastern Texas. The attendance we expect will be large. (TR 10/13/65)

65-80

"Citizen" writes to the Jefferson Bulletin as follows:

"The citizens of town and country are subject to many vexatious difficulties in regulating and adapting themselves to the present system of labor. Contracts are made with the freedmen which they do not regard. Please allow me to suggest that this condition of things may, with your approbation, be very greatly improved, by the adoption of the rule prevailing in Northern cities, to-wit: Let it be understood among freedmen seeking employment, that they shall produce certificates of character from their last employers, and let employers require this condition, and I think it will be found to work a great improvement. At any rate, in this age of experiments, I submit to you, whether or not some such rule as this may not be tried. It works well in the North, as applied to white servants, and ought not to be objected to as applied to blacks." (TR 10/20/65)

65-81

(S. D. Rainey is in Marshall.) (TR 10/27/65)

65-82

Mr. D. J. CORWIN, whose advertisement has appeared in our columns for several weeks past, as a house, sign, and decorative painter, and gilder, glazier, and paper hanger, we learn has determined to remove to Jefferson. Mr. C. is a worthy, clever gentleman, and one of the most superior workmen we have seen in many a day. We bespeak for him, among our old friends in Jefferson, a cordial welcome and a fair trial. (TR 11/3/65)

65-83

Dr. W. C. Hurley continues to lecture on phrenology and other subjects, and to examine heads, of which are a great variety, in Jefferson. (TR 11/3/65)

65-84

The people of Jefferson were on tiptoe on account of the second Hippodrome ball, which was to have come off on Wednesday, and which we presume was a magnificent affair. (TR 11/3/65)

65-85

We had the pleasure of a visit on Tuesday from Col. B. H. Epperson, for many years a prominent citizen of this State. He was on his way to Washington city. We are glad to see such men going to the national capital. Their presence is essentially necessary to counteract the malign influence of corrupt, bad men, and to present a true statement of the condition of affairs, political and social, in our State, and as a just reflex of the condition of other Southern States. His antecedents and standing will entitle him to a respectful hearing. We are gratified to learn that he is minutely posted in cotton transactions, as they have transpired in Texas, with the names of parties; that he has been placed in possession of facts in regard to the unjustifiable and corrupt conduct of officials, the unwarranted assumptions of power, by Provost Marshals, and the representatives of the Freedmen's Bureau. That he is prepared to exhibit the profligacy, immorality, and vice, everywhere existing in the towns and cities, occasioned by the unlicensed and unlimited power exercised by officials, in many instances in total disregard of civil law, and evidently under the grossest corruption. He requests us to state, that citizens who have been aggrieved and outraged, who will take the pains to produce the documentary evidence of bad treatment, and forward it to him at Washington, may rely upon his giving each and every case his special attention. Such a man and such a course has been much needed, and we hope the subject will be fully exposed and the corrective applied. (TR 11/10/65)

65-86

We commend the following editorial of the Jefferson News to our contemporaries:
BAD PAPERS FOR EXCHANGE.--There is a habit or custom prevailing with some publishers to send their worst papers (sometimes not readable) to their exchanges. This is all wrong. What use has a publisher for a dirty, blurred up sheet? What does he send his paper to his contemporaries for? Why not send him a blank sheet? And why not send such papers to their subscribers? Do they consider that it costs a publisher as much to publish a paper for an exchange as for a subscriber? Reflect--a word to the wise is sufficient. (TR 11/10/65)

65-87

We copy the following sensible article from the Jefferson News:

"There is nothing more certain and true than that every community has, or should have, the right to protect itself against the idle, the vicious and immorally disposed. Without this right there would be no safety for the orderly and industrious, and no encouragement to labor.

"Our criminal laws should be rigidly enforced, and that without any regard to the rank or position of the criminal. If this was done in every instance the result would soon become manifest in the better order, increased sense of security, and the more active industry that would everywhere prevail. We are firmly of opinion that a false philanthropy and mistaken views of leniency have done a great deal of harm in this country. Criminals, steeped in crime have been turned loose to prey upon the community, and persons not so criminally inclined have been led into criminal courses from the facility with which the violaters of the law escape punishment.

"But for the South, hereafter no code of laws will be so important as an efficient vagrant system. We are likely to have hereafter, not thousands merely, but millions of vagrants, who will constitute an intolerable burthen upon the community, unless we have the most rigid system of laws, which should be rigidly enforced, to compel them to labor. No man should be allowed to eat the bread of idleness, but all, without exception, should be engaged in some useful employment.

"The great number of idle negroes in the community should be set to work, and made to do their duty. It is impossible for them to be supported unless they do their duty, and it is not reasonable that a part of the community should labor for the balance." (TR 11/10/65)

65-88

THANKS TO THE "JIMPLECUTE."--Our Jefferson contemporary, who does up valuable articles in small packages, sends us the following present, for which we return our sincere thanks.

We want to bet the "South-Western" something to wear that Jefferson has three houses that sells more goods in any given length of time than any three houses in Shreveport.

Immediately upon the receipt of the above we dressed ourself in the finest "lay out" in town; and we can assure our contemporary that we spared no expense in "filling the bill." Please forward sight draft to Baer & Dreyfus, on the banking house of Durr & Johnson, Shreveport, for one hundred and forty-five dollars, endorsed by your "three houses." If there is anything in outward appearance, we are, through your generosity, an ornament to the profession. Make another proposition. (SW 11/15/65)

65-89

(W. B. Ochiltree has located in Marshall.) (HF 11/15/65)

65-90

MARRIED.

At the residence of B. M. Baldwin, of this county, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Marvin, Mr. K. D. BATEMAN, of Jefferson, Texas, to Miss MAGGIE S., youngest daughter of Rev. Thos. Samford. (TR 11/17/65)

65-91

W. F. STILLEY & Co. JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--We take pleasure in directing public attention to the advertisement of this firm. They keep on hand a large assortment of goods, and of the best quality. We have known Mr. Frank Stilley in (?), and have proven him to be a clever accommodating gentleman. We bespeak for this firm a liberal share of public patronage. (HF11/22/65)

65-92

The Jefferson Jimplecute says:

"The store house of T. M. Turner, was entered on Saturday night and robbed of a quantity of shoes, calicoes, &c.

"The greatest difficulty--how to contend with the idea which many of the Freedmen entertain that something is to be done for them on the first of January. They are not satisfied with all that has been published by the Freedmen's Bureaus, but still live under some vague belief that they will have to labor no more. They are refusing to make any contracts or agreements for the next year, and by so doing, will force the farmers to make their arrangements to do without them, and thus be left without employment or subsistence. It is certainly the duty of those in authority to use some means to show them the error under which they are laboring and what will be the results of it." (TR 11/24/65)

65-93

The fall session of the Jefferson Court commenced on the 20th. (TR 11/24/65)

65-94

Ex. Gov. Runnels was in Jefferson on the 21st. (TR 11/24/65)

65-95

Col. H. S. Hall made a speech to the negroes at Jefferson on Saturday. It is well spoken of. We think he is a very sensible, clever gentleman. (TR 11/24/65)

65-96

CIRCULAR.

By authority of Hon. O. H. Burbridge, Supervising Special Agent of the Treasury Department, Third Agency: I have entered upon the discharge of my duties for the collection of all property in the counties of Cass, Bowie, Titus, Red River, Lamar, Hopkins, Fannin, Hunt, Cook, and Grayson in this State, heretofore belonging to the so-called Confederate States, and now the property of the United States by capture.

All persons withholdding, secreting or embezzling the public property, will be dealt with according to the Treasury Regulations under the Acts of Congress of March 13th, 1863, and July 2d, 1864, relating to the captured, abandoned, and confiscable property.

The following regulations will hereafter be observed:--

Owners of Cotton will be required to show under oath, that they are not liable to the United States Government, by sale, subscription, or loan, or otherwise, of cotton to the so-called

Confederate States before a permit for shipment will be granted. All Steamers leaving this point or District, will be required to submit their Manifests and obtain clearance from the undersigned.

R. L. ROBERTSON

Ass't Supervising Special Agent.

Jefferson, Nov. 7. (TS 11/25/65)

65-97

For the past few days there has been a rumor on the streets to the effect that the heavy house of Wright, Harrison & Co., of Jefferson, had "busted" up. We learn from a well-known gentleman of this place, who has been on a visit to Jefferson, that there is not a word of truth in the rumor, but on the contrary they are doing a larger business than ever. (SW 11/29/65)

65-98

The District Court of Marion county, Hon. B. W. Gray presiding, was in session on the 24th. (TR 12/1/65)

65-99

(McPhail returns to Marshall.) (TR 12/1/65)

65-100

COTTON.--The Jefferson Jimplecute of the 28th, quotes middling cotton at from 25 to 27 cents specie. (TR 12/1/65)

65-101

WRIGHT, HARRISON & CO.--The Jefferson Jimplecute in contradicting the rumor which was prevalent in this city last week, that this firm had failed, insinuates that it was started in Shreveport, because that firm was doing such a heavy wholesale business. As to where the rumor originated we have no knowledge, but we can inform the Jimplecute one thing, there is not a leading house in this city but what would spurn the idea of competing for business in that manner. If it did originate here, which we very much doubt, the Jimplecute forgot to tell its readers that the lie was nailed to the mast here, through the columns of this paper. (SW 12/6/65)

65-102

PARDONS FOR EASTERN TEXAS.--The New Orleans Picayune of the 21st says:

We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from our young friend Wm. H. Ware, of Harrison county, Texas, who has just arrived from Washington City. He brings with him special pardons of president Johnson for his father, Rev. Henry Ware, Cols. W. B. Scott, W. R. D. Ward and M. J. Hall, of Harrison county, and Samuel Mosley, of Jefferson, Marion county, Texas. We congratulate them and their numerous friends of eastern Texas and elsewhere, and are happy to welcome their return to their former positions of popularity and usefulness as citizens of Texas. (SW 12/6/65; also HF 12/7/65 and TR 12/8/65)

65-103

AN ITEM OF NEWS TO THE TRAVELLING COMMUNITY.--Major BRADFIELD informs us that he has a line of four horse coaches from this place to Clarksville, in Red River

county, via. Jefferson, Dangerfield and Mount Pleasant. Those wishing to travel into that section of the State, will find this a pleasant and expeditious route. The mail leaves Marshall three times a week, and reaches Clarksville in forty-eight hours from the time of leaving. (HF 12/7/65)

65-104

(H. L. Schluter takes position with New Orleans firm.) (TR 12/8/65)

65-105

(Judge Gray secures his pardon through the intervention of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.) (TR 12/8/65)

65-106

(Jefferson, like many other places, is without a postmaster because no qualified person can be found to take the oath.) (TR 12/8/65)

65-107

The Jefferson Bulletin of the 1st, says:

"The District Court, Hon. B. W. Gray presiding, has been in session during the past week, and has disposed of more business than we could have expected. The case of the State vs. Mr. and Mrs. Fox, was tried on Monday and Tuesday, and resulted in a triumphant acquittal of the accused, the jury not being detained in making a verdict over ten minutes. We are heartily glad to see this old and much respected citizen of our town once more restored to his friends and his business, untainted by the foul breath of suspicion. An important trial for murder against a freed girl named Ann is now in progress." (TR 12/8/65)

65-108

We copy the following from the Jefferson News:

"The Grand Jury remained in session for near two weeks, and have returned into court over one hundred bills, charging various offences, running from the smallest offence to the grave crime of murder. We are informed that there has been returned about twenty bills for felonies, consisting of theft, swindling, and murder, in their most aggravated form. And while this speaks much in commendation of the Grand Jury, for their zeal and efficiency in ferreting out crime, it makes a humiliating and shameful record for the morals of the county. This we surely regret, nevertheless it is true, and should be exposed." (TR 12/8/65)

65-109

MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MARION CO., TEXAS.--The district court for Marion Co., Texas, while in session on the 5th inst., was disturbed by the entrance of a United States' officer, who handed Judge B. W. Gray an official order from the commander of the post at Marshall, requiring his honor to release one R. L. Robertson, U. S. treasury agent, from the custody of the law, under pain of arrest himself, and trial by a military commission.--The said Robertson, it seems, had been indicted by the grand jury for swindling, and was in custody by virtue of a writ issued in the usual manner. Our crowded columns will not admit of our publishing the correspondence in full; but, suffice it to say, Judge Gray refused to order the sheriff to give the prisoner up, on the ground that he would rather face a military commission

than violate his oath of office. Through the whole controversy, the judge maintained the dignity of his office and the deportment of a gentleman. But it was not to end here. The authorities, finding that the judge would not give the prisoner up, rescued him from the law in open court. The following is the order which released him from arrest:

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES.

By authority of the United States, I declare the arrest of Messrs. R. L. Robertson and O. A. Carolan to be in violation of the laws of the United States, and I do hereby, as an officer of the United States' army, rescue them from the custody of this court.

By order of

J. B. JONES

Capt. Com'd'g. (SW 12/13/65)

65-110

THE EVANGELICAL REGISTER.--Owing to the difficulty in procuring workmen, we have delayed commencing the publication of the "Register" for several weeks. We are now prepared to enter upon the work and will issue the first number on Wednesday next, the 13th inst. Our friends wishing to extend patronage for the paper would do well to send up their remittances so as to commence with the first number of the paper; and our contemporaries of the press will (?) a favor by calling attention to the publication. See prospectus elsewhere in this paper.--
Jefferson News.

We take pleasure in copying the above, so as to give an extensive notice of the Evangelical Register. We paid the Rev. Mr. CARPENTER, editor of the above journal, a short visit on Monday, and found his heart fully set on his forthcoming Register. We wish him much success in his undertaking, and feel assured that the church will take great interest in such an enterprise. A church organ, when properly conducted, must have a controlling influence in keeping its membership informed, not only of its distinctive creed, but of the progress of the gospel in evangelizing the world. (HF 12/14/65)

65-111

D. A. McPhail, Watch maker and Jeweler, Jefferson, Texas, advertises with us this week. See his card. (HF 12/14/65)

65-112

We invite attention to the advertisement of J. C. Preston & Co., dealers in Drugs, Medicines, &c., Jefferson, Texas. They are clever gentlemen, and worthy of patronage. (HF 12/14/65)

65-113

BRINCK & BIRGE, JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--This firm, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, adopt the Flag as a medium through which they announce to the public that they have now on hand, (and will continue to receive,) a large and well-selected stock of Dry Goods, Staple Groceries, and an almost endless variety of Fancy Articles which will be sure to please the ladies. (HF 12/14/65)

65-114

By reference to their advertisement it will be seen that Messrs. W. F. STILLEY & Co., wholesale and retail merchants, Jefferson, Texas, have moved their store, and can now be found on Dallas Street, next door to Nuesbaum's old stand. This firm has recently received large additions to their stock, and are prepared to suit their customers in anything they may call for. (HF 12/14/65)

65-115

While in Jefferson on Monday, we called to see Capt. KIRBIE of the Bulletin, and were much pleased to see the Captain had been making sundry important improvements.... (HF 12/14/65)

65-116

JEFFERSON HOTEL.--This well-known house is now under the control of Mrs. S. A. EZELL, a lady, so we learn, of much expertise in this line of business. Those visiting Jefferson would do well to give her a call. If the best the country affords (?) up in excellent style, with attentive servants, are any inducements to the trader, this lady certainly offers them in an eminent degree. (HF 12/14/65)

65-117

A wag started the report that the house of Wright, Harrison, & Co., Jefferson, was about to break. When the facts were elicited, it turned out to be the building, instead of the firm, that was in such danger, owing to having such an overwhelming stock of goods in it. As they buy for cash and sell for cash, there is no danger of the firm collapsing. (TR 12/15/65)

65-118

EVANGELICAL REGISTER.--The friends of Rev. J. A. Carpenter will be pleased to learn that he has got his paper going at last. The first number reached us yesterday. (TR 12/15/65)

65-119

Navigation, which was nearly at an end, is about to revive. The Jefferson Register says: "There is a good prospect for navigation being resumed to our city soon. The Bayou has risen near two feet in the last few days, and we learn that White Oak, and Sulphur, and upper Red River are flush and rising. If this be true, we need have no fears from low water during the winter. There is plenty of water to afford navigation for small boats to this place at present, and we expect to hear the frequent sound of the steam whistle soon, to cheer the merchant, mechanic, and farmer, with their cargoes."

We are glad to hear this, friend Carpenter, but permit us to say to you, kindly, that the "steam whistle" ("so called,") has no cargoes. (TR 12/15/65)

65-120

From the Jefferson News of the 8th.
District Court.

The District Court for Marion county concluded its labors and adjourned yesterday. The business of the court has progressed more rapidly than usual, owing to the fact that there was

great difficulty in procuring competent jurors, both for the Grand and Petit Juries, by reason of so many of the citizes being disqualified by not having taken the oath of amnesty as required by the Proclamation of the President of the United States.

There was not much business disposed of on the civil docket. The fact that the law prohibiting the collection of debts by forced sales being still in force, made creditors and their attorneys dilatory in prosecuting their claims to judgment.

The cases of R. L. Robertson and O. A. Carolan indicted for felony by the Grand jury has given his Honor much trouble and produced, as we think, much unnecessary excitement amongst the citizens.

The cause of this excitement was produced by an apparent conflict between the civil and military authorities. That being a question to be determined by the President of the United States, who is the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, and by whose authority Judge Gray holds the office of Provisional Judge, we can see no reason for unnecessary excitement about a matter which will doubtless be disposed of by the proper arbiter under the constitution and laws governing the case.

In order that our readers may know something of the true character of the case, we have been permitted to publish the full correspondence between major Clingman, and Judge Gray, touching the matter. Forbearing to express opinion, or give any details which might tend to forestal public opinion, or prejudice the community for or against the accused. The persons Robertson, and Carolan were on the last day of the Court, rescued from the custody of the Sheriff in open Court, by Capt. Jones, commanding this post, and a file of armed men. There the matter rests at present.

The following is the correspondence on the subject:

JEFFERSON, Marion County, Texas.

December 2nd, 1865.

To the Honorable District Court of the County of Marion and State of Texas:

Mr. R. L. Robertson, a duly authorized agent of the Treasury Dept. of the United States, in the legitimate discharge of his duties, as such, has been arrested by the local Court of the County, and State aforesaid. You are hereby notified that the aforesaid, R. L. Robertson, a duly authorized agent of the Treasury Department of the United States, and all duly authorized agents as such are not answerable to the local Courts for any of their actions. In their official capacity, in discharge of their duties, under the Treasury regulations, made in pursuance to an act of Congress of the United States governing the same.

Mr. R. L. Robertson, will at once be released from arrest, and will be permitted to prosecute his official duties without interference in the future:

J. CLINGMAN,

Maj. commanding Dist. N. E. Texas.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, Dec. 2nd, '65.

J. CLINGMAN, Major Commanding:

Sir.--Your note of this date is before me, notifying me, that Mr. R. L. Robertson, is a duly authorized agent of the Treasury Dept. of the United States, and that in the legitimate discharge of his duties as such, has been arrested &c.

You are pleased to notify me, that said Robertson is not amenable to the local courts, for any of his actions in an official capacity.

Mr. Robertson so far as my information extends has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Marion county for the crime of swindling. This jury empaneled to ferret out crime and present indictments, among others, has presented an indictment against said Robertson for the crime aforesaid.

The District Court of Marion county is held and the laws of the State executed against all violators thereof by the solemn sanction and direction of the President of the United States. I know of no immunity extended by the Constitution and laws of the United States to any class of persons exempting them from the consequences of crime.

If you mean to order me to release Mr. Robertson from the custody of the Sheriff of Marion county, I have to say that I cannot do so without regard to the oath of office I have taken.

I sincerely regret that there should be conflict between the civil authority and the military authorities of the United States.

Respectfully,

B. W. GRAY,

Prov. Judge, 8th Dist. of Tex.

HEAD QUAR'S. U. S. FORCES.

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 4, '65.

HON. B. W. GRAY,

Prov. Judge, 8th Dist. of Tex.,

Sir.--You are hereby commanded, to cause the release of R. L. Robertson, Treasury Agent of the United States, from the custody of the Sheriff of Marion county, Texas.

The non-compliance with this order, will subject the local, civil authorities to arrest and trial by a military commission, for *setting at defiance the laws of the United States* in a district of country under Martial Law. By command of

Major JOSEPH CLINGMAN,

Commanding Forces.

HENRY L. KENNELLEY,

Lieut. and A. A. A. Gen.

DISTRICT COURT ROOM,

JEFFERSON, MARION CO., TEXAS,

December 5, 1865.

J. CLINGMAN, *Maj. Com'g. Dist.* :--Your order under date of the 4th inst., in which you command me to cause the release of R. L. Robertson from the custody of the Sheriff of Marion County, Texas, on a charge of felony, presented by the Grand Jury of Marion County, during the present term of the District Court, is before me.

I have already informed you, in a previous note on the subject of R. L. Robertson's custody by the Sheriff of this County, that I could not, without a violation of my oath of office, order the Sheriff to release said Robertson. I have no disposition to violate the laws of the United States, as I regard them the supreme law of the land. I derive my power and authority as a Judge from his Excellency the Provisional Governor of Texas, acting in obedience to the Proclamation of the President of the United States.

The laws of the Provisional Government do not permit me to order the Sheriff to release a prisoner charged with crime, except in accordance with the provisions of said laws declared to be in force by the Provisional Governor aforesaid.

Why such an order should be directed to me, is passing strange.

I deeply regret that any apparent conflict between the civil and military powers of government should occur, but I cannot conceive that your order can be obeyed by me, without a flagrant disregard of my solemn oath of office, which has more terror to me than a military commission, with which I am threatened by you. I hope therefore it will not be expected that I will do that which in my present position I cannot do without extreme degradation. I have confidence that the United States will do me justice in the premises.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't. sv't.

B. W. GRAY,

Prov. Judge 8th Judicial Dist.

[COPY]

H'D QR'S. U. S. FORCES.

By authority of the United States I declare the arrest of Messrs. R. L. Robertson, and O. A. Carolan to be in violation of the laws of the United States, and I do hereby as an officer of the U. S. Army rescue them from the custody of this Court.

J. B. JONES,

Captain Commanding.

It is due to Judge Gray to say that he showed no disposition to oppress the parties accused. But that he endeavored to administer the law as he had sworn to do, without fear or partiality. (TR 12/15/65)

65-121

“By which King Bezonian.”

We see that there has been a conflict of authority between the military power, and Judge Gray, representing the Civil authority, at Jefferson. Major Clingman, assumes that the military authority is Supreme, in which assumpsit, we think he is seriously mistaken, and will soon be made to comprehend it, and his military arrogance, considerably reduced, when the matter is referred to Andrew Johnson, who has already defined the principle on appeal from Gen. Slocum in Miss., and from Gen. Canby, in Louisiana. As we understand it, and as we presume Gov. Hamilton understands it, he is the executive head of authority in Texas, and does not hold a divided rule, with these small military gentry. If Gov. Hamilton does not immediately assert, and vindicate his authority, and the supremacy of civil rule in Texas, he is not the man we take him to be. If systematized stealing, such as has been going on at Jefferson, and Shreveport, for months past, cannot be inquired into effectively, by some sort of authority, we have arrived at a very degraded era in our republican history. It has been patent to every observer of any acuteness, who has had insight into the management of Government cotton operations in these two places, within the past six months, that the grossest villainy has been practiced continuously, upon our citizens, and those of Louisiana, under official sanction. There must be an end to it, and the sooner it comes, either with, or without a difficulty, the better. The Government proper is

ignorant of the acts of those subordinate officials, and in no degree profits by their speculations, which are exclusively on their own account. (TS 12/16/65)

65-122

From the Bulletin.

MILITARY INTERVENTION.

A United States Treasury Agent in Arrest for Swindling--A Post Commandant Demands
his Release--Threatens the District Court in case of Refusal--The Prisoners
Rescued by
Military Authority.

The district court which has been in session since the last issue of the Bulletin, was interrupted in the quiet dispatch of its business, on the 5th inst., [Tuesday afternoon] by the entrance of a Federal officer commanding a detachment of troops, which were drawn up in the street, who had advanced to the bench, and handed Judge B. W. Gray, presiding, an official order from the commander of the post at Marshall, Texas, requiring his Honor to release one R. L. Robertson, U. S. Treasury Agent, from the custody of the law, under pain of arrest himself, and trial by a military commission.

The said Robertson had been indicted by the Grand Jury of our County for swindling, and is in custody by virtue of a (?) issued in the general manner.

As soon as his Honor read the order, he discharged the petit jury from further attendance upon the Court.

Considerable confusion and excitement ensued among the members of the bar and the spectators, upon learning the purport of the order. Judge Gray convened the members of the bar....

His Honor has frankly and candidly, yet courteously, declined to obey the military mandate, no matter what consequences may result to himself personally. His unwavering firmness and determination to do his duty, it is to be hoped, will set matters to rights, as we understand that the General commanding at Alexandria and at other superior commands will sustain the civil authorities.... (TS 12/16/65)

65-123

(J. W. Russell of Jefferson advertises his farm near Clarksville for sale.) (TS 12/16/65)

65-124

BULLY FOR JEFFERSON.--The Jefferson Jimplecute says a dispatch was received at that place from Washington, that the charter for a national bank at Jefferson had been granted, with the amount of stock unlimited. Where's Shreveport? Situated in the environs of the land of plenty, eating soup with a knitting needle! What is the reason Shreveport cannot have a national bank? Let our capitalists answer. We are willing to go liberally on a national bank--or any other bank. (SW 12/20/65)

65-125

The Jimplecute publishes an affidavit before a Justice of the Peace of Marion county, by W. A. Thomas, Jr., from which it appears a party of United States soldiers entered the premises of Dr. W. A. Thomas, Sr., of that county, and with six shooters drawn upon the persons of W. A. Thomas, Jr., and Burrell Lundy, a negro, robbed the parties of \$350 in specie, and about \$235 in currency; taking from the negro about \$20 in specie, \$50 in currency, and a pair of shoes. They also used insulting language to Mrs. Thomas, and rode their horses in the house, and watered them in the water bucket. This was certainly a great outrage, and the wretches who perpetrated it deserve to be severely dealt with. But we would respectfully suggest, whether it would not be better, instead of making such publications through the newspapers, to report such cases, after affidavit has been made, to the military authorities, and thus endeavor to get the guilty parties arrested and punished. (TR 12/22/65)

66-1

Attention is invited to the new advertisement of Messrs. Wright, Harrison & Co., which can be seen in our paper to-day. This is one of the most extensive business houses in the State. Being composed of men of first rate business qualifications, untiring energy and a large capital, they are prepared to accommodate any number of customers. Persons intending to establish retail houses anywhere in Eastern or North Western Texas, would save money by supplying themselves at this house. (HF 1/11/66)

66-2

We send the Republican this week to several of our friends in business in Jefferson, Texas, in hopes of securing a portion of their advertising patronage. We published the first paper ever printed in that enterprising city. It was commenced in March 1848, nearly 18 years ago. The printing establishment, at that time, was the wonder of the inhabitants of a large section of country. Now they have three newspapers, all of them seemingly doing a thriving business, which is attributable to the liberality of the men in business. (TR 1/12/66)

66-3

Professor W. C. Hurley, whose labors have been attended with so much success at Jefferson, has, during the present week, been engaged in delivering a series of lectures in this place, on the subject of Phrenology. We had the pleasure of listening to the first lecture, and regret that, from sickness, we were debarred from hearing the remainder. He is evidently a man of ability, of active labor, and patient research. His propositions are plainly stated, and his elucidations are perspicuous and forcible. In the delineation of character he has but few equals, and his private expositions are full and candid. While phrenology may not have arrived at the dignity of a science, because much that belongs to it legitimately is yet undiscovered, enough is known, to render it particularly useful in ascertaining the temperaments and physical and mental characteristics of children, so as to properly train them in a manner that will be most useful to themselves and society, in after life. We hope he may find it to his interest to remain among us for a time.

He has since opened a private class. The first lecture will commence on Monday evening next at the hall of the Adkins House, after supper. Persons desiring to join it can attend. (TR 1/19/66)

66-4

GREAT FIRE IN JEFFERSON.--We learn from Mr. Taylor, editor of the Jimplecute, that Jefferson has been visited by a disastrous fire. The fire broke out about 12 o'clock last Saturday night, in the Violette saloon, destroying the City hotel, and all the block on which it was situated, except R. P. Crump's saloon. Also, the "News" office, and all the block attached. The loss in buildings is estimated from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The loss in dry goods was small by fire, but a vast amount was stolen. We have no further particulars. (SW 1/24/66)

66-5

We had the pleasure yesterday of a visit from Mr. Taylor, of the Jefferson Jimplecute. He informs us that the Jimplecute is in a "weaving way," and that he is on his way to the city to lay in material--among other things, a power press. We are pleased to see this evidence of our contemporaries success. (SW 1/24/66)

66-6

MILITARY INTERVENTION.--It will be recollected by our readers that some two months ago, we published a condensed account from the Jefferson papers of a conflict between the civil authorities of Marion county, and the military authorities, growing out of the arrest of Mr. Robertson, a government treasury agent, by the former, and his subsequent rescue, in open court, by the latter. The matter was referred to Gen. Canby, who, we learn from the New Orleans Times, of the 10th inst., sustains the action of his subordinates. The following letter from Col. O. H. Burbridge, places Mr. Robertson all right (?) the premises:

OFFICE SUPERVISING SPECIAL AGENT OF TREASURY
DEP'T, THIRD AGENCY, TRADE DIVISION,
New Orleans, Jan.8, 1866.

To the Public--The New Orleans Times of December 30th ult., copied from the Trans-Mississippi Bulletin, published at Jefferson, Texas, the orders of Major J. Clingman, commanding Military District of Northeast Texas, at Marshall, addressed to the District Court of Marion county, Texas, in session at Jefferson, ordering the release of Mr. R. L. Robertson, a duly authorised agent of the Treasury Department of this agency, who was held in custody of said court under three separate indictments charging him with felony, found by the Grand Jury of said county; also, the replies of Hon. B. W. Gray, Judge of said court, refusing compliance with said orders, and copy of order read in open court by Capt. J. B. Jones, commanding post at Jefferson, on the occasion of the military release of Messrs. Robertson and Carolan from said custody.

The action of Mr. R. L. Robertson in relation to eleven bales of cotton claimed by Jacob Haring, and two bales of tithe cotton claimed by W. F. Connell, for which said indictments were found, was strictly in line of his duty, entirely correct and official, and fully authorized by my instructions to him. After examination into the matter I have ordered him to return to his agency.

The action therein of Messrs. O. A. Carolan and Chas. D. Carter, who were also indicted, was under written orders of Mr. R. L. Robertson, and also has my approval.

O. H. BURBRIDGE,
Supervising Special Agent. (SW 1/24/66)

66-7

(From the *New Orleans Times*.)

[Advertisement.]
"Military Intervention."

In our issue of the 30th ult., as a matter of news, and without knowing any of the parties concerned, we copied from the Trans-Mississippi Bulletin an article with a caption as above. It was in relation to a conflict of authority between Major J. Clingman and Judge Gray, of the 8th District Court of Texas, which resulted in the forcible release of two persons who had been indicted by the Grand Jury of Marion county, Texas, on a charge of swindling. The accusation, it seems, grew out of the seizure of certain bales of cotton, and though it is unfortunate that any

conflict should have occurred, the acts for which the bills of indictment were preferred receive the full approval of the military authorities. In this connection we are permitted to quote the following paragraph from a letter written by Gen. Canby:

"The State courts have no jurisdiction over their (Treasury Agents') official conduct, nor can they, without usurpation, investigate the title of property held by the United States as captured and abandoned. That duty belongs exclusively to the Government of the United States."

Till recently we had no knowledge of Mr. Robertson, one of the parties specially interested, but within a few days have had assurances from gentlemen of the highest respectability that he is a man of excellent repute. He is still retained as Assistant Supervising Agent of the Treasury Department for the Northern District of Texas, and is entrusted by Government with the sale of a large amount of public property in that State.

The following letter, from Col. O. H. Burbridge, Supervising Special Agent, fully sustains Mr. Robertson in the premises: (See SW 1/24/66) (TR 1/26/66)

66-8

(W. P. Saufley, H. P. Mabry, and H. R. Runnels elected floaters from the counties of Marion, Davis, Bowie, and Titus as delegates to the State Convention.) (TR 1/26/66)

66-9

Col. W. P. Saufley, delegate to Convention from Marion and Davis, passed through Marshall yesterday en route for Austin. He was looking remarkably well. (TR 1/26/66)

66-10

TROOPS FOR JEFFERSON.--The steamer Hoyle, which left this place last Sunday for Jefferson, has on board one company of the 8th Illinois. Wonder what has got into the good people of Jefferson, that it should be necessary to honor them with a sight of bristling bayonets? Better behave yourselves up that way, and not be poaching upon our luxuries. (SW 1/31/66)

66-11

We had the pleasure of a call, on Monday, from Dr. Walker, editor of the Jefferson Bulletin, who is on his way to Cincinnati. He represents everything about Jefferson, including the newspapers, in a thriving condition. His including the newspapers is superfluous, as he is the third editor from Jefferson who has visited this place, *en route* north, within a week, with a pocket full of rocks. Anybody raised a lot of cotton up that way lately? Or perhaps they have struck "ile," as the doctor looked very fat and greasy. Gentlemen, tell us how you do it. (SW 1/31/66)

66-12

FIRE IN JEFFERSON.--We clip the following account of the late fire at Jefferson from the Jimplecute, of the 23d:

A very destructive fire occurred in this city on last Sunday morning, resulting in the loss of \$75,000 or \$80,000 worth of property. The entire City Hotel property, with everything in the way of furniture, was a total loss. Bloomingdale's dry goods store, Ligon's shoe and boot store, the Violet saloon, Figers' fancy grocery store, Claybrooks' tin shop, Wm. Fish's shoe shop, Hasty's meat market, and Thompson's jewelry shop, were all total losses. The fire then crossed

the street, consuming Mrs. Walker's fancy dry goods store, Odd Fellows' Hall, a store house belonging to The. Nichols, the News and Register office, Clark's coffee house, a confectionery store, McCoy's paint shop, all in the same building, and Dr. Eason's drug store. By the advantages offered by the brick houses on opposite corners, owned by Smith and Waterhouse, with the almost superhuman efforts of the citizens, the fire was arrested in its progress. Some of the merchants saved most of their goods; others lost all.

The fire was accidental--the roof of the Violet saloon taking fire from the stove-pipe. The heaviest losses were sustained by J. Stern, Dr. Lockhart, Dr. Eason, and J. A. Carpenter. (SW 1/31/66; also TR 1/26/66)

66-13

"Jefferson is bound to grow, and in less than five years, it will have a population of ten thousand.

We need a splendid hotel. Why don't a stock company take hold and build one, such an one as Jefferson needs, on the ruins of the old 'City Hotel?' The investment will prove the most profitable of any we know. If we have no capital here, let's invite it from abroad. We shall notice this matter again."

The Jimplecute, as we discover from the above and similar efforts on other occasions, is trying its best to make Jefferson a big city: We wish it every success in the laudable enterprise. We will be proud to live so near a populous enterprizing city. But an idea suggests itself and we enquire, would it not be well to stop burning it down so fast? Or are you only getting the old rubbish out of the way.

The editor says they want a first class Hotel in Jefferson. Likely he has been stopping at the Adkins House and took occasion to examine its extensive proportions, and hence his ardent desire for a similar one in his town. Well, we can't do without ours, but if you will call on Judge Adkins, he may be induced to go over and duplicate the pattern. (HF 2/1/66)

66-14

We were assured by Col. Epperson that the charter for a national Bank in Jefferson, with an unlimited capital, had been granted. Such being the case, the merchants and moneyed men of this section, should at once take hold of this matter, form a large capital and open the bank. The advantage and profit relating to and realized by this community would be great indeed. Once established, it would readily become, by its convenient location, the point and place of paying off the annuity to the Indians, paying the drafts of the Post Office and Treasury Departments; besides, the Indians coming to Jefferson to get their annuity, would bring a large and profitable trade to this city. It would prove a great aid in building factories, machine shops, mills and railroads. Let our business men think properly of this, and act promptly in the matter.--
Jimplecute. (HF 2/1/66)

66-15

From the Jefferson Jimplecute.

COL. EPPERSON'S SPEECH.

On Friday night the 19th, Col. Epperson, who has very recently returned from Washington, gratified our citizens by an address on matters and things of much interest to the people of Texas.

Freeman's Hall was well filled, with a large and attentive audience, and by their silence gave an earnest of the interest they feel in our future welfare. We cannot give his remarks fully.

He said "he had no disposition to speak directly of politics, past, present or future, but would recite his views and observations of things he saw in the North and West.

In those sections every species of property and every department of business showed a general prosperity and improvement, particularly in agricultural implements. A man can do with agricultural machinery more in one day now than five men could have done in five days five years ago. We must rouse us from our lethargy and take the step in the grand march of improvement. Slave labor is gone, and 'tis our duty to do the best we can with the freedmen, and as soon as possible adopt these improvements, and render ourselves in a measure independent of their uncertain labor. President Johnson is doing all for the South he can. 'Tis his policy to conciliate each section with the other, without injury to any.--Southern members to Congress will be admitted if possible.

The radicals demand, and will try to force upon us, negro suffrage. The President is not independent of this party, for he came into power by their suffrage, and he must submit to their demands in some measure, and try conciliation with the Black Republican party. To come out and act positively against that party, he would lay himself liable to impeachment by the radicalism in power. In this case, Foster would be President, and he is as radical as Sumner dare be. Johnson's reconstruction policy was an experiment, and the radicals do not object to what he has done, but that he has not done enough.

Here then are the reasons for his demanding the repudiation of the war debt contracted by the States during the rebellion. Therefore we must not stop and ask if it is constitutional or not; 'tis a matter of force and we must submit. By this means and such measures, we will unite our efforts of conciliation with his, and by these assurances the Southern members may be admitted at the last of the session. Were the Southern members admitted now, they would give the Democratic party and the conservatives a majority, and the radicals would lose some patronage. Ninety would be the full Southern representation; if the basis of five fifths of the negroes be adopted, while it is seventy on the present basis. Were the full seventy admitted, the radicals would not hold quite so much power, and would lose by it in the disposing of government patronage.

We have something still to hope for in this matter. The Governors of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are fully recognized at Washington, though the members elect to Congress can't take their seats. The reason is obvious. First, they can't take the oath. Were they admitted, the plans of the Black Republicans would be frustrated in forcing negro suffrage upon us.--They may eventually do it, but by slow process. They will propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, that representation be on the basis of actual votes. This would give us about forty members, and thus force us to a pitiable representation, or to accept negro equality.

Were this matter of negro suffrage left to the votes and influence of the United States soldiers, it would be badly defeated, for that class of men are bitterly opposed to it, and this the radicals know."

He then read a letter from O. H. Burbridge, on the cotton question, and also gave the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury on the cotton question, which is of much importance to us as a people, and gave some pertinent advice to the farmers.

This is but the glimpse of the Col.'s address, and to comment on it fully now would fill too much space, and we reserve it for another issue. (HF 2/1/66)

66-16

The Galveston News of the 29th, publishes the subjoined paragraph. It has been often said, that if a man desired the news he must go from home:

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT JEFFERSON.--A telegram was received by H. Levi, a merchant of this city, yesterday, from Jefferson, Marion county, announcing the destruction of that town by fire on Tuesday night last. All of the principal business houses together with the City Hotel were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. It appears from the dispatch that the fire was the work of an incendiary. (TR 2/2/66)

66-17

From the Evangelical Register.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN JEFFERSON.

On the morning of the 21st inst., between 3 and 4 o'clock, the saloon adjoining the City Hotel was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given, but the efforts to arrest the flames proved unsuccessful. Soon the whole was wrapped in flames. One entire block on each side of Marshall Street, including the City Hotel, except one brick house, was consumed. There are many sufferers, with all of whom we may sympathize. Among the rest is the Rev. J. E. Carpenter, editor and proprietor of the *Jefferson News* and *Evangelical Register*, who lost nearly his entire office, consisting of three presses and a great quantity of type, of nearly every variety. His loss can not be covered with much less than six thousand dollars. It is a great loss to Mr. Carpenter. He had left the evening before for New Orleans on business pertaining to this office. He got the news of his great disaster, and he returned. This great mishap will for the time check Brother Carpenter's cherished purpose of establishing a religious journal for the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He had labored long and faithfully to accomplish this praiseworthy purpose and had arrived at the point where he had the most flattering prospects of success. His misfortunes will of course retard him much in his design; but he is not discouraged. He has gone to work with redoubled energy. The *News* he will suspend for the time. The *Register* will be issued as usual.

We take this opportunity to appeal to the sympathies of the friends of Mr. Carpenter, of the enterprise and the ministers and members of the Church. Friends and brethren, Mr. Carpenter needs your sympathies. But you must feel for him in the right way--feel in the purse. How much are you sorry, for him? This is gratuitous on our part. Mr. Carpenter does not ask a dollar of donation. He only asks for the patronage and the indulgence of his numerous friends which his zeal, energy and perseverance in a good cause merits. Shall he have that patronage and indulgence which will recover him from his present misfortune in his enterprise? We shall see. Surely a generous and liberal public will extend to Mr. Carpenter the needed aid to set him up again in his business.

We appeal earnestly to the brethren and friends at a distance. Brethren, send up your remittances. Get all the patronage you can. Give indulgence if you can. We mean loans. Many if you can, if you just think you can. Brother Carpenter will need present funds which he can soon repay when once set up. He hopes to be able to be off for New York in a few days at farthest, to secure a new press, and an entire outfit for the enterprise. He will need funds, when

he returns. Freights are very high. Brethern, the enterprise must not fail. It merits your encouragement, and patronage. We hope you will extend it.

S. R. CHADWICK. (HF 2/15/66)

66-18

(J. W. Nimmo is with the firm of Baer & Dreyfeus in Shreveport.) (TR 2/16/66)

66-19

COLORED TROOPS FOR JEFFERSON.--Last Saturday, the steamer Fanny Gilbert left this port for Jefferson, having on board a detachment of the 80th U. S. colored infantry. This time we are at no loss to account for the cause which made it necessary to send these troops to Jefferson. The editor of the "Jimplecute" has just returned from a trip to the city, entirely too big for his "butes," putting on more "airs" than a Texas "norther." When the Jimplecute's tooth carpenter called on us, the matter was talked over, and it was thought advisable to apply this remedy. We have heard it hinted that the commander of this detachment has instructions to find out what manner of meat this Jimplecute is, and report whether it be "fish, flesh, fowl, or good red herring." We are inclined to think he will simply report "fishy," as it takes so kindly to that "beautiful" cypress mud hole between here and Jefferson. (SW 2/28/66)

66-20

PIANO TUNING.--Mr. G. Frank, of Jefferson, will be in Marshall on Wednesday next. Persons wishing to get their pianos tuned would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity, as they have an assurance that the work will be properly executed. (TR 3/2/66)

66-21

The Jimplecute states that small pox has made its appearance in Jefferson. We fear it will prevail all over the country. Every one, white, black, and colored, ought to be vaccinated. (TR 3/16/66)

66-22

About a week ago, a man by the name of Fletcher Taylor, was arrested in Jefferson, by the military, on the statement or affidavit of a Mr. Butts, who charged him with having murdered his brother, in Grayson county, in the year 1863.... (TR 3/23/66)

66-23

The "Christian Companion" is the title of a Baptist paper that will be issued shortly from the flourishing city of Jefferson. The theological department will be under the charge of Elders J. R. Clarke and W. H. Faulkner, who are represented as gentlemen of talent and graduates from leading Universities. A. H. Abney will be the local editor and publisher. Price of the paper three dollars specie, or its equivalent. Subscribers are requested to send in their names without delay. (TR 3/23/66)

66-24

LAND AND BUSINESS AGENCY.--Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Samuel F. Moseley & Co., Jefferson, Texas, who have established in that place a land

and business agency. Land owners, immigrants, creditors and capitalists, and persons desirous of engaging in manufactures, will be interested in sustaining this firm in an enterprise which, while it will result in enriching individuals, will prove of great benefit to the country. Mr. Sam F. Moseley has been a practicing lawyer at Jefferson for upwards of twenty years, is a gentleman of character, and indefatigable in his attention to business. (TR 3/30/66)

66-25

The Jefferson Jimplecute hoists the name of Col. B. H. Epperson as the choice of its editor for Governor. (HF 4/5/66)

66-26

The Jimplecute hoists the name of Col. B. H. Epperson, of Red River, as a candidate for Governor. (TR 4/6/66)

66-27

We mentioned in our paper of the 23rd, that a young man by the name of Reeves, living near Coffeetown, in Upshur county, had been arrested for having in his possession a lot of goods, which, from various circumstances, were believed to have been stolen. We learn from Mr. R. F. Mitchell, of the firm of Clarke & Co., Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county, that the principal portion of these goods belonged to the above firm. Charles Reeves, the party accused, obtained them from Wright, Harrison & Co., Jefferson, for the purpose of hauling them to Sulphur Springs. He gave his name as "Bill Smith," and stated that he lived in Grayson county; said that he could not write his name, and had the clerk of the warehouse to sign the wagoner's receipt for him. He carried the goods home, and was engaged in disposing of them when arrested. We learn that he has been identified, and committed to jail in Upshur county. He had disposed of about \$150 worth of the articles; the remainder were recovered. (TR 4/6/66)

66-28

NEW FIRM IN JEFFERSON.--It will be seen, by reference to our advertising columns, that the firm of WRIGHT, HARRISON & CO., in the flourishing city of Jefferson, has undergone a change. We are well acquainted with the members of the new firm, and can safely assert that, judging them by their character, antecedents, and previous success in business, a stronger and more self-reliant association does not exist in Texas. We cordially endorse the following remarks in relation to them from the Jefferson Jimplecute:

"Of the business prospects of the new firm it is unnecessary to speak in terms of flattery. Succeeding as they do to the large and prosperous business of the old firm of Wright, Harrison & Co., with magnificent ware-house and store room facilities, and a heavy cash capital, their success cannot be questioned. Both members of the firm have a first class business reputation, earned by long application to business, avouched by success. Capt. A. U. Wright is so well known, from his long residence and established business position among us, as to render comment in regard to him unnecessary. The other member of the firm, Col. Hendricks, comes to our place with a reputation for business capacity and integrity, and for financial ability, approved by the State. Following up a long and successful business career in the adjoining county of Harrison, he was summoned from the army, (where he had thrown himself as a volunteer,) and at the urgent request of Gov. Murrah, took charge of the most important financial position in the

State, the financial agency of the State Penitentiary. Holding this office for about two years, (until he was relieved by Gov. Hamilton,) and at a most trying period of our history, the eminent satisfaction which he gave to every section of the State, is the highest possible eulogium. We bespeak for the new firm the utmost public confidence. (TR 4/6/66)

66-29

Special for the Flag.

JEFFERSON AND SHREVEPORT.

From the beautiful Marshall, and stopping at Uncle Joe's Hotel (so called), after enjoying an excellent days' hospitality, and quitting the superior accommodations Uncle Joe gives to those filling his house, and having observed the prosperity of Marshall, abounding with well-filled stores and obliging merchants, and spending time with Messrs. Loughery and Barnett, the able managers of the Republican and Flag, I view the bright future of this place, also Jefferson and Shreveport.

Upton Wright takes the first place among the business men of Jefferson; he is the liberal patron of the press, and has enriched all the merchants of Jefferson by calling the attention of country merchants to his large and complete stock. Having just gone over a dozen counties, I conversed with many who were directed to Jefferson by Wright, Harrison & Co. advertisements, and now make all their purchases there. The firm is Wright & Hendricks, the stock on hand is \$100,000, cash paid down to those retiring.

Brinck & Birge, another large house. Mr. Brinck has twenty years' experience and has laid up the golden circulars, enabling the house to make large purchases. They keep the elegant stock for ladies, with staple dry goods, groceries, including all that farmers and country merchants wish.

Preston & Co have the finest stock of medicines ever brought to Eastern Texas, with ample means. They keep a full stock and sell at low figures. There are found standard books with late works of literature, and the best papers and magazines....

FORWARD.

April 16, 1866. (HF 4/19/66)

66-30

Messrs. Stone, Rosston & Murray's Circus, have been waterbound, which will prevent their exhibiting according to announcement on the days proposed at the different points. The company arrived here on yesterday morning on the steamer T. D. Hine, and proceeded to Jefferson. They will return on the same steamer and give exhibitions in Shreveport on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th. Let everybody get their change ready. (SSWN 4/21/66)

66-31

THE CIRCUS.--Stone, Rosston & Murray's Great Southern Circus, which is advertised to exhibit in this place on the 30th of April and the 1st of May, we have reason to believe, will prove one of the most interesting and attractive exhibitions of the kind that has ever visited Texas. The press everywhere speaks of it in terms of the highest commendation. Capt. Tidmarsh found many of his old associates in the army of Virginia, who were glad to see him. The fun loving portion of the community are looking forward to a rich treat, when the troupe arrives. (TR 4/21/66)

66-32

THE CIRCUS.--Stone, Rosston & Murray have no occasion to complain of want of success in New Orleans. Their vast canvass is crowded to repletion. As to the result of the performances, we can only say that we know of several young gentlemen, between seven and fourteen years, who are circus-crazy, and who have expressed several times their intention to go twice a day, no matter what Pa and Ma said.

The fine troupe perform to-morrow noon and evening at the corner of Baronne and St. Joseph streets.--*N. O. Picayune*. (TR 4/21/66)

66-33

The water in the bayou at Jefferson, was a foot higher than during the high water last year, entering the basement rooms of the houses on the levee. (TR 4/21/66)

66-34

In the N. O. Crescent of the 16th inst., we notice the death in that city of Capt. J. Sydney Smith, of Jefferson, Texas. (SSWN 4/24/66)

66-35

The New Orleans packet T. D. Hine arrived on Friday from the city with a light freight for this place. She extended her trip to Jefferson, for which point she had a heavy freight. She had on board Messrs. Stone, Rosston & Murray's circus. (SW 4/25/66)

66-36

On the same evening (Sunday) the Jefferson packet Una arrived, having on board a portion of the 19th Pennsylvania cavalry *en route* to the city to be mustered out of service. (SW 4/25/66)

66-37

The Jimplecute rejoices at the removal of the troops from Jefferson. (HF 4/26/66)

66-38

On the 22d inst., two companies of the 19th Pennsylvania Cavalry left our city on their way to Baton Rouge, to be mustered out of the service. On the 24th the 8th Illinois infantry embarked for the same destination and purpose. We understand that by May, proximo, all the troops at this place will disappear.--We hope so. Marshall and Jefferson, Texas, we believe are without troops. Let Shreveport be served in the same manner. (SSWN 4/28/66)

66-39

TRIP TO JEFFERSON.

On Saturday we paid a visit to our neighboring town of Jefferson, and remained until Tuesday evening. We had not been there since the "break up." Business has been, until recently, very lively; but owing to high water, which has swelled all the streams, and rendered the roads in the interior almost impassible, communication has been measurably cut off, and trade was consequently dull.

The citizens were entertaining high hopes that the railroad from Jefferson to Paris would soon be commenced under such auspices as to lead to its speedy completion. This will render Jefferson a great place. All that is necessary to the achievement of this desirable end, is the proper degree of energy, enterprize, and public spirit, which we believe the business men possess.

Nineteen years ago we published a newspaper in Jefferson, the first ever published in the place. The advent of a new paper was regarded as a remarkable advancement in the enterprising spirit of the place, and persons flocked in from town and country to witness the operation of printing. Now there are three newspapers in the place, with the promise of a fourth. Our contemporaries of the Bulletin and Jimplecute are doing a thriving business. They treated us very kindly. The Jimplecute issues a semi-weekly paper and is making arrangements to enlarge its business. Mr. Walker, of the Bulletin, has added merchandizing to his other qualifications, and we presume is getting along very finely.

Wright & Hendricks have the largest establishment West of the Mississippi river. Their warehouse is the most extensive in the State. They have a very large stock of goods.

Powell & Bro. have a large and handsome stock of goods.

T. B. Goynes & Co., also have a large, beautiful, and well selected assortment.

Davis, Herrick & Co., have a very large and well selected stock.

Mr. Dopplemayer has a very large stock, and admirably selected.

We would, in this connection, call attention to the advertisement of Col. Phil Crump. His assortment of furniture has seldom if ever been excelled, and invites notice. He has besides a choice assortment of groceries, &c.

B. J. Terry's stock is large and valuable. He has an extensive establishment.

Many beautiful private residences adorn the place. The bayou was high, but had fallen considerably. Two steamboats were at the landing, and the streets were thronged with people. Altogether our visit was a pleasant one; so much so that we hope soon to repeat it. (TR 4/28/66)

66-40

THE CIRCUS.--Stone, Rosston & Murray's mammoth Circus, which is advertised to perform in this place on Monday and Tuesday next, exhibited in Jefferson on Saturday and Monday. We were present, and take pleasure in saying that the citizens were delighted with the performance. On Monday night there must have been at least two thousand persons in attendance. The horses are beautiful, the troupe of actors cannot be excelled, the clowns are among the best we have ever seen; the performance throughout was varied and exceedingly interesting. Such an extensive and complete establishment has never before visited this section. (TR 4/28/66)

66-41

The New Orleans and Jefferson packet T. D. Hine got in from Jefferson (Wednesday) with a few bales of cotton and Messrs. Stone, Rosston & Murray's circus. (SW 5/2/66)

66-42

(B. H. Epperson says he is not a radical and will not run for lieutenant governor on the Pease ticket.) (TR 5/5/66)

66-43

Both Marshall and Jefferson are now garrisoned by negro troops.--How do you like your *black guards*, gentlemen? We, down here, are tired with them. (SSWN 5/8/66)

66-44

TROOPS FOR JEFFERSON.--The steamer Una left last Thursday evening for Jefferson, having on board a detachment of the 80th U. S. colored infantry to garrison that place. The citizens of Jefferson will find them well-behaved soldiers. (SW 5/9/66)

66-45

According to accounts, Jefferson is in a critical situation. The lower portion of the city, says the *Jimplecute*, is inundated three or four feet. The loss to property by this overflow will be heavy. (SSWN 5/15/66)

66-46

THE FLOOD AT JEFFERSON.--The Jefferson Jimplecute, of the 11th, has the following in relation to the great flood at Jefferson:

The waters continued to rise from the time our last issue went to press at the rate of two inches per hour, until yesterday morning, by which time it had increased to four inches an hour.

At dark yesterday evening it had reached a higher mark than ever before known, and was still rising at a rapid rate. The levee on the left hand side of Dallas street gave way night before last, in front of John Faver's store, corner of Vale street, from the effect of the rapid current. It was thought for some time that the building would be undermined and fall, but it is still safe. Yesterday morning the work of removing goods commenced, and was continued throughout the day. The steamer Starlight, the only boat then in port, rendered great assistance, and a large amount of valuable merchandise was saved by her. The Lizzie Hamilton came in from Shreveport about 10 o'clock A. M., and immediately went to work and rendered valuable assistance in moving property. About 2 o'clock P. M. the large brick warehouse of W. M. Freeman's estate, now occupied by Bateman & Bro., gave way to the mighty current of waters, and fell in, a large portion of the brick and debris falling on the steamer Starlight, lying alongside taking on goods.

The water this morning at daylight had reached the highest point, and is now falling slowly. All the lower portion of the city north of the river and east of Vale street is inundated from one to four feet deep. The following merchants are losers more or less:

Bateman & Bro., Wright & Hendricks, W. P. Torrans, W. W. Harper & Co., Bennett & Roberts, John Faver, J. P. Durr & Son, Dr. Huey, W. F. Stilley & Co., Talbot & Patton, and probably others not yet ascertained. The damage to real estate it is impossible yet to estimate, but it is very heavy. The losses, however, are divided among a great many property holders. We differ greatly with those who think this flood will depreciate the value of property in the overflowed district. It only requires a good levee for the foot of Marshall street, to intersect the hills below. We adverted to this matter some time since, and we hope now that those interested are fully convinced by the argument of the last two days. A responsible gentleman offers to build the levee for one-tenth dollar of the losses yesterday. (SW 5/16/66; also TR 5/19/66)

66-47

JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--We take the following items of news from the Jefferson Jimplecute of the 11th:

HIGH WATER ABOVE.--Colonel N. C. Gould, of Clarksville, arrived here this morning after a hazardous and protracted trip by way of Boston, Bowie county. He represents the waters higher than ever before known. Hon. H. R. Runnels informed him that all crops on the Red river bottom were lost for this season. The freedmen were leaving the plantations to seek employment elsewhere. The farming prospects were never more dark in this country before. We are sorry to learn from colonel G. that he had a very fine horse drowned in Rice's creek, near Boston.

The alarm of fire was given about 8 o'clock this morning, and the fire was soon seen bursting through the roof of Mr. Turner's storehouse on Dallas street, now occupied by Dr. Huey as a wholesale and retail grocery house. The goods were all removed from the building yesterday except a lot of lime, which, coming in contact with water, caused the fire. The water was some four feet deep on the floor, and by great exertion the fire was stopped very soon. We have not heard the amount of damage. (SW 5/16/66; also TR 5/19/66)

66-48

The New Orleans and Jefferson packet Starlight came in from Jefferson Sunday morning with 600 bales of cotton and 37 hogsheads sugar. Her officers give deplorable accounts of the state of affairs at Jefferson, and the adjacent country overflowed by the Cypresses. The Starlight arrived at Jefferson on Tuesday evening, at which time the bayou was rising slowly, but on Wednesday morning it commenced rising rapidly; and up to Thursday evening it had risen 8 feet, making it 2 feet above the rise of '49. On the first appearance of the rise the merchants moved their stocks to a point above the rise of '49, thinking certainly that the water would not more than reach them; but, strange to state, it went 3 ½ feet above it, destroying a very large amount of property. Upwards of 30 business houses, including the warehouses, were overflowed and more or less of their contents destroyed, and the houses seriously damaged. The Starlight was engaged three days in picking up floating cotton, removing freight, &c. The Lizzie Hamilton was running in the streets, trying to save property. The Hine got up before the Starlight left, and lent her assistance in trying to save something from the flood. We understand that Bateman & Bro. are among the heaviest losers, and of their large warehouse being nearly washed away. We have no data upon which to base even an approximate idea of the losses sustained by this great flood at Jefferson. (SW 5/16/66)

66-49

(Comments on B. H. Epperson's letter declining nomination.) (TR 5/19/66)

66-50

Public meetings have been held in Marion and Davis counties, at which resolutions were passed endorsing the course pursued by the Conservative members of the late State Convention, and their recommendation of candidates. Col. Saufley has been fully sustained and invited to become a candidate for the Legislature. (TR 5/19/66)

66-51

There has been considerable sickness in the country within the last few weeks. Several cases have terminated fatally. Among them, Mrs. Jarrott, wife of Mr. W. D. Jarrott; Mrs. Waskom, wife of Col. J. M. Waskom; Mrs. Alice Powell, wife of Mr. A. Powell of Jefferson, and Mrs. Dotey, wife of Rev. Mr. Dotey, near the Louisiana line. The demise of these estimable ladies has cast a gloom over their respective households, and the society in which they mingled and adorned. (TR 5/19/66)

66-52

THE LATE FLOOD AT JEFFERSON.--The Jimplecute of the 15th says that although the river has fallen six feet from the high water mark, it is still impossible to make anything like a correct estimate of the losses. The streets that were inundated present a most rugged appearance, looking as though they had been struck by lightning. The work of repairing has been begun, and ere long we hope to see all traces of the flood disappear.

The Bulletin estimates the loss from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Rather a wide margin, we should think. Make another estimate friend Bulletin, and see if you can't get the figures nearer together. (SW 5/23/66)

66-53

NEGRO TROOPS.--The Jefferson Bulletin learns that general Morrow, of the U. S. A., who is on an inspecting tour to that place, will recommend the removal of the negro troops from Jefferson. Wonder if he would serve us in the same way? It would be so agreeable that our citizens would hardly contain themselves. (SW 5/23/66)

66-54

We are pleased to learn that Jefferson, Texas, is getting dry. The waters on the different streets is fast receding. (SSWN 5/29/66)

66-55

OBITUARIES.

DIED, in Jefferson, Texas, on the 14th of May, 1866, Mrs. ALICE E., wife of Mr. ADIN POWELL, in the twenty-fourth year of her age.

Mrs. Powell was retiring in her nature and manners: she loved the private walks and enjoyed the pleasures of domestic life. Home had its attractions and charms for her, and here she loved to meet her friends and enjoy their society. In the social circle she was easy, affable, and entertaining. She gave herself to reading and thought, and formed her own opinions of what was right and proper, and her company was edifying.

The one thing needed was not forgotten nor neglected. She "remembered her Creator in her youth." She sought and joined Him "of whom Moses in the law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth;" and when about sixteen years of age, she joined the Baptist Church, where she held membership until some time after her marriage, when she felt it to be her duty to join the Presbyterian church, of which her husband was a member.

Her disease, which was paralysis, disabled her to talk for four or five days previous to her death; so we were denied the satisfaction of knowing her thoughts and views of death at the very door, and eternity at hand.

It has pleased God, who cannot err nor make a mistake, to cut her down in the midst of her days and plans for life. She had been married three years and one day. Three years since, and she entered upon an eventful period in the history of human life, cheerful, hopeful of many happy, joyous, and useful days; but oh, how uncertain are all human calculations. "The wisdom of men is foolishness with God."

She leaves an infant three weeks old, which can never know the strength of a mother's love, nor the sweetness of her caresses. She has parted with a husband who knew her worth as only a husband can know. He weeps, but not in despair. He murmurs not, for he knows his heavenly Father did it. He weeps, and yet, hope, blessed hope, underlies all these tears, and points to a reunion where there are no deaths, nor graves, nor tears. What is our loss is gain to her, and the spirits of the just made perfect. Their members increase as ours decrease.

Let us be admonished by this sad and yet hopeful death, that life is both short and uncertain, and may we so live that our death will add another member to Christ's church in Heaven. W. C. D. (TR 6/2/66)

66-56

BAPTIST NEWSPAPERS.--We noticed, sometime ago, that our Baptist friends were represented by a large, valuable paper, published at Houston. A day or two ago we were greeted by another, entitled "The Christian Companion," published at Jefferson, Texas, and edited by Rev. J. B. Clarke. It will be recollected that we gave a notice of the proposed publication of this paper. We take pleasure in saying that in typographical execution and ability, it fills the measure of public expectation. Success to it. (TR 6/9/66)

66-57

A NEW PAPER.--We have received the first copy of a new paper called the "Christian Companion," published at Jefferson, Texas, by Rev. J. R. Clark & Co., editors and publishers. It is a large and neatly printed sheet, and we should judge from the number before us, is in the hands of able and competent gentlemen. Besides being an advocate for the Baptist denomination, it gives the general intelligence of the day. In his laborious undertaking we wish our new contemporary much success. Jefferson can now boast of publishing more newspapers than any other place of her dimensions in the south. (SW 6/13/66)

66-58

FLEAS.--We wonder if there are any fleas any where in the world, only in Palestine. We think not, for they are certainly all here.--*Palestine News*.

Plenty of them neighbor at Shreveport, Jefferson, and Henderson, with a few bushels at this place. (TR 6/23/66)

66-59

By reference to a card in another column, it will be seen that Mr. R. T. Buckner, of the late firm of Howell & Buckner, of this place, and Mr. John Speake, an old merchant of Jefferson, have associated themselves together under the firm of Speake & Buckner, for the purpose of doing a commission business in New Orleans. They contemplate commencing business by the first of September. They are men of integrity and means, and having had long business experience, will no doubt give satisfaction to their patrons. (SW 6/27/66)

66-60

Maj. W. E. Penn, Col. D. B. Culberson, and Hon. W. P. Saufly were elected delegates to the State Convention at Navasota, from Marion county. (HF 7/12/66)

66-61

(H. L. Schluter with the firm of Wallace & Co. and George W. Schluter with the firm of L. W. Lyons & Co., both of New Orleans, visited Marshall.) (HF 7/26/66)

66-62

Mr. C. Y. Culberson, a clerk in the house of Messrs. Wright & Hendricks, Jefferson, Texas, traveling on business for the firm, on leaving Dangerfield late in the evening, fell in company with two men who first attempted to get him to drink and then made an effort to rob him. A shot fired by one of the ruffians wounded him in the arm. He attempted to escape, when they hotly pursued him. He finally dismounted and took to the woods, and thus eluded them and got to a place of safety. He had six thousand dollars in his saddlebags. (TR 7/28/66)

66-63

A NEW FIRM IN JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--We take great pleasure in calling the attention of our business community to the card of Messrs. J. W. & J. R. Russell & Co., who have established themselves as commission and forwarding merchants and wholesale dealers in general merchandise at Jefferson, Texas.

The concern is composed of Jim Russell, of Sherman, Jack Russell, of Bonham, and Wm. M. Harrison, of Clarksville, Texas, three names which we sincerely believe cannot be surpassed in the possession of all the requisites to make the firm popular, to give it the entire confidence of the public, and (if the past career for capacity, unsullied integrity and very great success in business of each member be, as we have always found, the truest guarantee for the future,) to insure its soon becoming one of the leading houses of the great depot of northern, eastern and middle Texas.

It would be useless to say anything in recommendation of the Russell brothers or Wm. M. Harrison in New Orleans. They have traded here largely for the last twenty years, and have always paid up the last cent of their indebtedness. We feel well satisfied that all our merchants with whom they have had dealings in that long period are willing to indorse for them in every respect.

Messrs. J. W. & J. R. Russell & Co. solicit agencies for the sale of threshers, mowers, reapers, plows, stoves, mills and all kinds of machinery, and as they may not be so favorably known in the localities where these articles are manufactured as they are in our city, we would only add that any party, north or west, wishing to consign such goods to a portion of the country like Texas, where the demand will be very great for labor saving machines, can rest assured that their property can be placed in no more trustworthy or better hands. [N. O. Picayune, July 28.] (SW 8/22/66)

66-64

NEW COTTON AT JEFFERSON.--The Bulletin of the 24th says, the first bale of new cotton was raised by W. H. Vining, stored at Bateman & Bro.'s and sold to Howell & Blackman

for 32 cts. in specie, by Capt. Wm. Clark & A. D. Tullis; cotton factors, Jefferson, Texas.
August 22d, 1866. (SW 8/29/66)

66-65

The Jimplecute is informed that a contract has been made for the construction of a railroad from Jefferson to Paris, Texas. (TR 9/1/66)

66-66

GOOD NEWS FOR JEFFERSON.--Mr. Saufly, in closing a letter to the Jimplecute, dated at Austin, says that the contract for building the railroad from Jefferson to Paris has been closed. The contractors are responsible parties. (SW 9/5/66)

66-67

RAIN.--The Jefferson Jimplecute, of the 26th says:

We mentioned on Tuesday last that we had a very heavy rain the day before. It commenced again on Tuesday and has continued ever since. We never have known so much rain to fall in the same length of time at this season of the year before. Every little hollow in the country is a creek, and every creek a river. The cypresses and lakes are all rising and navigation is dead certain for the next three months, which finishes the year since steamers commenced last season.

The cotton crops are greatly injured and will be damaged still more unless it quits raining, of which there seems to be no prospect at present. (SW 9/5/66)

JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--In company with Dr. J. M. Johnson, we made a flying trip to Jefferson on last Monday. Having taken an early start, we arrived there about 9 o'clock A. M.; and so agreeably were we entertained by the Dr. that we thought the route was much shorter than we had ever found it before. We called in at the establishments of Wright & Hendricks; J. W. & J. R. Russell; Graham, Taylor & Co.; J. C. Preston & Co.; and Brinck & Birge and found them all in grand spirits, and apparently doing a good business. Several of these firms are putting up extensive store-rooms and making every preparation for a heavy fall and winter trade. We saw quite a number of our friends and acquaintances, and were glad to find them all doing so well, and in the enjoyment of excellent health.

We called at the offices of our esteemed contemporaries of the "Bulletin" and "Jimplecute" and found their respective papers in a flourishing condition, which we hope may long continue.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we bid adieu to the flourishing bayou city, and started for home, where we arrived safely, well pleased with our trip, but slightly worn out with the heat and fatigue of the day. (HF 9/6/66)

66-68

Our friend, Mr. D. A. McPhail, has moved his jewelry shop from Marshall street to Henry & Jackson's store on Dallas street, Jefferson, Texas. Mac. seems to get as much work as he can do, and is giving general satisfaction. (HF 9/6/66)

66-69

Mrs. Helen Christenberry, wife of our friend Hiram Christenberry, of Jefferson, was buried at the Marshall Cemetery on the 5th. (TR 9/8/66)

66-70

The Jimplecute of the 4th says:

"The river continues to rise at this point. Plenty of water for the largest class boats, though there is but little to do on the river. The Mollie Fellows is the only arrival since our last. (TR 9/8/66)

66-71

RUST IN COTTON.--The Jimplecute of the 4th says: "we have seen several fields in this vicinity suffering badly with the rust, caused from too much rain. (TR 9/8/66)

66-72

We learn from the Jimplecute that (?) has been secured with which to begin and prosecute the work on the Jefferson and Paris railroad. A large number of carts, wheelbarrows, spades, etc., have been purchased and are en-route to Jefferson. The Jimplecute says nothing is now required to insure the completion of the road to Kentuckytown in Grayson county, but the cooperation of the State Legislature. (TR 9/8/66)

66-73

A small-sized advertisement in our advertising columns gives us the gratifying intelligence that Shreveport, Marshall and Jefferson can be fully supplied with ice, upon application to the secretary of the ice company, at this place. The Jefferson and Marshall papers are referred to the advertisement. (SW 9/12/66)

66-74

The Jefferson Bulletin, of the 5th, says two negro soldiers of the garrison stationed there were found dead in the vicinity of Jefferson a few days since. They had been killed with powder and ball. The circumstances of their death are shrouded in mystery. (SW 9/12/66)

66-75

(Brooks, McDonald & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants in New Orleans, list James M. Tucker as their agent in Jefferson with the capacity to make cash advances on consignments and also list as references in Jefferson the firms of J. W. & J. R. Russell & Co., Wright & Hendricks, J. M. Murphy & Co., and J. M. Murphy.) (TR 9/15/66)

66-76

Col. M. D. K. Taylor of Jefferson, Texas, is a candidate for Congress in the 2nd District. (TR 9/22/66)

66-77

THURSDAY, Sept. 20.--The packet Mollie Fellows, captain John Lewis, arrived from the cypress city, with the U. S. C. I. lately stationed at Jefferson. (SW 9/26/66)

66-78

For the Flag.

THE MERCHANTS OF JEFFERSON, SHREVEPORT, AND NEW ORLEANS.

The Press will always take pleasure in calling attention to the business interests of one of her most liberal patrons--we mean, Upton Wright. We wish to direct attention to the house of Wright & Hendricks. Upton Wright is well known as one of the cleverest men in any country, and his business capacity and devotion to business is equal to his kindliness of heart. A better firm was never blended together; as Col. Hendricks stands a No. 1, as financier; Stanley is in the office; with Hendrick presiding in the ware-house; with the obliging Culberson among the salesmen. They filled their house in August, and are now filling up again; as they are so well known, we need only remind our readers that Wright & Hendricks will maintain their position as merchants without superiors in every department, and is and will be, the great house for north-eastern and middle Texas.

We would remind our readers, that Bateman & Bro., are furnishing their large warehouse and salesrooms, two stories high, 100 by 150 feet above high water mark. These young men are well known to all our people, being identified with Jefferson from childhood; by strict attention to business, they hold a place with the best and oldest houses in Jefferson. It is useless to add words of praise, as their many patrons bear that testimony.

Another house of surprising success is that of Brinck & Birge; this is an excellent union, as Capt. Birge was never known to refuse a worthy person. They brought to Jefferson the fullest stock in August; and farmers are giving them an interest in the coming crop, thus securing every kind of goods. Mr. Brinck has been a successful merchant for twenty years, and gathered the golden circulars. Maj. Allen, one of the cleverest salesmen, in in this house increasing his list of friends.

All dealers in medicines will find all they wish at Preston's, the long tried. This house, for extent of stock, endless variety of goods, and superior quality, has no competitor. Here are the standard school books, fine stationery, and latest papers. Country dealers can replenish their stock here at any time, as small profits is all the merchants of Jefferson seek. They make large sales and thus secure handsome dividends. Jefferson presents great inducements to merchants in the interior, to make their purchases. (HF 9/27/66)

66-79

We learn from the Jefferson Bulletin of the 29th, that the last of the colored garrison at that place have pulled up stakes and left. The Bulletin goes into extacies on the occasion. Serve us the same way and we will do likewise. (SW 10/3/66)

66-80

Col. M. D. K. Taylor of Marion county has withdrawn from the canvass for Congress in the Second District. (TR 10/6/66)

66-81

Business has revived in Shreveport and Jefferson. (TR 10/20/66)

66-82

JEFFERSON, TEXAS.--The Jimplecute, of the 19th, gives gratifying accounts of the improvement in business at that place. That is what we like to hear. "Give utterance," Mr. Jimplecute, to all such good news. (SW 10/24/66)

66-83

We would take pleasure in calling the attention of the farmers of Harrison county to the fact that G. A. Kelly has made a permanent arrangement with G. G. Gregg & Co., for the sale of his plows and castings. He assures us that it is his intention to keep this house constantly supplied with a large lot of plows, and points for the same, both of his own late improved patterns, and also the Hall & Speer. The H. & S. plow manufactured by him is equal in quality to the original pattern. He further assures us that he will be able, during the winter and spring, to furnish the farmers with at least eight thousand Iron plows, together with a large quantity of Turn Shovels, Straight Shovels and Scooters. If the farmers would study their own interests, and also the interests of the country, they certainly would patronize Kelly's Foundry, and thus aid in building up enterprise in our midst. (HF 10/15/66)

66-84

(B. H. Epperson is elected Congressman from Second District.) (TR 11/24/66)