

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

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| 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 &amp; 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.

70-1

# RIVER AND MARKETS.

Jefferson, Dec. 18.

The river is rising and affords fine navigation for the largest boats in the trade. The Era 9, Flavilla, and Flirt are in port.

Cotton is going rather heavily at 16 ½ specie. Shopping and Christmas supply trade a little brisk. The streets are full of wagons and teams, mud, &c.

The weather is threatening--a slight sprinkle of snow yesterday. (HA 1/1/70)

70-2

# DIED.

On the night of the 20th of Nov., 1869, ALBERT GOYNE, only child of R. B. and Anna Barnes, aged 13 months and 18 days. (HA 1/1/70)

70-3

# DIVINE SERVICE.

METHODIST CHURCH.--Rev. R. S. Finley, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at night. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.--Rev. N. P. Modrall, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night. Prayer meeting Tuesday night.

CHRIST CHURCH, (Episcopal).--Rev. E. G. Benners, Rector. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night.

BAPTIST CHURCH.--Rev. C. S. McCloud, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.--Rev. J. M. Giraud, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock. (HA 1/1/70)

70-4

# THE FIRE.

On the night of the 20th ult., since our last issue, the Gantt House, property of Mrs. Conner, the residence of Mrs. Elliott, the brick stable occupied by the government, and some adjoining buildings were consumed by fire. Loss eight or nine thousand dollars. We understand that the hotel was fully insured and the residence partially. Mrs. Gantt suffered considerably in the loss of household effects, though the greater part was saved by the assistance of friends.

The rope company rendered efficient service in facilitating the consumption of the stable and appurtenances, the *commander* proving himself the "right man in the right place" on that occasion. As ludicrous as it may seem, we could not resist that little touch of the poet:

"In the world's broad field of battle,

In the bivouac of life,

Be not like dumb driven cattle,

Be a HERO in the strife." (HA 1/1/70)

70-5

Now is the time to lay in your plows for the coming season. Don't forget that it is the universal testimony of those who have tried the Plows made at Kelly's Foundry, that they are the best that can be got. They are better adapted to our soil than imported plows. (HA 1/1/70)

70-6

#### CONCERT.

By special request, Mrs. E. O. Kelly has consented, together with her class in Music, to give a musical entertainment in the basement of the Baptist Church in this city, on Friday evening, the 7th day of January next. The object of said exhibition is to raise funds for the building of the Baptist Parsonage. (HA 1/1/70)

70-7

REMOVAL.--The office of the Jimplecute is now up-stairs in the brick building adjoining Bateman & Bro., on Austin Street. Entrance for the present just below Bateman's office, on the alley. (HA 1/1/70)

70-8

#### DAN RICE'S CIRCUS.

We had thought that old Dan Rice was dead long ago, but it seems that he is coming around again. Like old Santa Claus, he seems to disregard space and time as well as to bid defiance to King Death. So all the "little folks" are certain to flock to the circus next week as eagerly as they ran to the chimney corner on Christmas to pull down the well-filled stockings. And we opine that the papas and the mammas will not be slow in taking the same course, for the curiosity of us all is insatiable, and we eagerly seize upon any means of gratifying it. Well, it is decidedly our opinion that this would be a very dull world if we were to abolish the circus and kindred sources of amusement. So let's all go and see the circus. (JR 1/1/70)

70-9

We call attention to the notice to be found elsewhere in our columns, of Mrs. Kelly's musical entertainment to be given on the 7th of January, as a benefit to the Baptist Church. Proceeds to be applied to the purchasing of a Parsonage.

Mrs. Kelly and her class will undoubtedly exhibit rare musical accomplishments and the Concert will not fail to please and instruct the entertained. (JR 1/1/70)

70-10

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70-11

#### DEATH.

We are pained to chronicle the death of Lt. COLBY of U. S. A., which took place in the Haywood House, Jefferson, about 12 o'clock, Friday. (JR 1/1/70)

70-12

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Schlatter and Nix, Gun-smiths and Tin ware Dealers, Dallas, below Radical office. Engraving done at moderate rates. Pay them a visit by all means. (JR 1/1/70)

70-13

If you want Tailoring done call at Fishbecks, opposite Radical Office. (JR 1/1/70)

70-14

The Jimplecute office has been removed to the Britt building on Austin St. (JR 1/1/70)

70-15

#### THE HARMONY CLUB BALL.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 28th, we had the exquisite pleasure of witnessing the hearty, genial and rational manner in which our German friends are wont to amuse themselves during the leisure hours. The ball given by the Club was certainly an affair creditable enough for an extraordinary occasion, but we were both delighted and surprised to learn that it was customary for the society to have a ball every two weeks similar in every respect, except that strangers were not commonly invited.

Some philosophical considerations press upon the mind when we contemplate these German associations.

How suggestive are such mottoes as "*Harmony*" and "*Union!*" And how admirably does the conduct of these social gatherings correspond! Here no man yells like a Comanche, or waves a revolver above his head. In fact, nothing occurs that would frighten or shock the most sensitive female. All is courtesy, cordiality and a healthy animation and hilarity.

We Americans are prone to dissipation. We gamble, drink raw spirits, run into great extremes and excesses, and live too fast every way. The Germans substitute recreation for all these ruinous pastimes of ours. In so doing they set an example that our young men especially would do well to follow.

Many object to the exclusiveness of these German Clubs. We do not, although we would be pleased to avail ourself of the benefits of an institution like unto them. We appreciate the motives which impel the Germans here--strangers in a strange land--to form themselves into a brotherhood that they may sometimes in spirit revisit the Fatherland. They come here and willingly leave behind homes surrounded by the mightiest triumphs of civilization; they are even content to exchange the language of Goethe and Schiller--their mother tongue--for ours--the language of Shakespeare and Milton--but they cannot altogether forget the land of their birth, nor renounce the customs which have contributed to place them as a people in the van of human progress. (JR 1/1/70)

70-16

NAMES OF NEWSPAPERS.--The Louisville Courier-Journal, in speaking of the want of taste in selecting the names of newspapers, gives our neighbor of the Jimplecute the following punch in a tender place:

There is a newspaper in Texas called the "Jimplecute," and there is one in Missouri called the "Bazoo." The editor and proprietor of the "Jimplecute" is said to be very proud of the name, which he borrowed, we believe, from a species of grass which grows on the Texas prairies. Where the "Bazoo" man got *his* name from "is quite enough to drive conjecture mad." Although both these papers have lived for several years in spite of their names, either of which is enough to kill the London Times in six weeks, we tremble to think how far they may fall short of reaching a venerable old age. (SW 1/5/70)

70-17

RETURNED HOME.--Gen. J. C. Fremont, President of the Memphis and El Paso Railroad, reached New York the other day from Europe. It is thought his return will be an incentive to renewed energy in pushing the work forward. The Jefferson Daily Times and Republican, of Wednesday, notices the bright prospects of the branch road from Jefferson in a lengthy and rosy-colored editorial. (SW 1/5/70)

70-18

Major A. S. Rose, who was an express carrier during the war, was found dead in his room in Galveston, on Monday. He had been drinking for some time. The coroner's jury decided that the deceased came to his death from disease and excessive dissipation. The deceased was well known in this city and Jefferson. At the latter place he kept a drinking saloon, and had to leave the place--having killed a policeman. (SW 1/5/70)

70-19

GAMBLING PROHIBITED.--One Buell, the military autocrat in command of the port of Jefferson, has issued an order prohibiting gambling within the city limits of Jefferson in particular, and the "hull" in general, under penalty of old Buell's stockade and military commission. (SW 1/5/70)

70-20

TEXAS ITEMS.--We copy as follows from the Jefferson Daily Times and Republican, of the 31st ult.:

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*Released.*--Mr. W. D. Talliaferro, who has been confined in the stockade for some weeks, was released on the 26th instant by the commanding officer of this post. We are not aware that any charges were ever made against him. (SW 1/5/70)

70-21

JEFFERSON ITEMS.--We copy as follows from the Jimplecute of the 31st ult.:

*Nearly Another Fire.*--About 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in Baker's new brick building, adjoining Bateman's large warehouse. Providence saved us once more. It won't always be the case.

*Suicide.*--Lieut. Colby, U. S. A., committed suicide about 11 o'clock this morning, at his room in the Haywood House, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. When discovered he had fallen into the fire and his head and face was very badly baked and scorched.

We know nothing of the supposed cause which induced him to do the awful deed.

The corps passed down yesterday on the steamer Era No. 9, en route to his friends at Washington. (SW 1/5/70)

70-22

FRIDAY, Dec. 31.--The first arrival this morning was the steamer Will S. Hays, having on board "Dan Rice's own Circus," consisting in part of men, women and horses, all trained by the great clown himself. (SW 1/5/70)

70-23

SUNDAY, Jan 2.--Late last night the steamer Will S. Hays, with "Dan Rice's own Circus," sailed for the Cypress bayou settlement. (SW 1/5/70)

70-24

#### RIVER AND MARKETS.

Jefferson, Jan. 1, 1870.

Navigation continues good, and our wharf is often crowded with boats, as many as six at a time.

Trade is remarkably dull, attributed to the holiday season. The people are at home enjoying themselves. (HA 1/8/70)

70-25

(Account of a New Year's Eve religious celebration by children of the Methodist Sunday School.) (HA 1/8/70)

70-26

Among our new advertisements will be found the announcement of Kelly Institute for the session just commenced. Rev. R. P. Thompson continues as principal. It is a good school, and has some boarding pupils from abroad and from this city. (HA 1/8/70)

70-27

By reference to our new advertisements it will be seen that Rev. R. Lane has opened a Book and Stationery Store in the House of Wright & Clark. We have examined his stock and can heartily recommend it to the trade and the reading public. (HA 1/8/70)

70-28

On last Thursday night week a Concert and Tableaux was given at Freeman's Hall, to raise funds for a Cumberland Presbyterian Parsonage. There was a very respectable attendance, and all seemed satisfied that they had got the worth of their money. The tableaux were well conceived and charmingly executed--the music was very fine. (HA 1/8/70)



70-29

Rev. H. M. Matthis has ben elected Principal of the Dangerfield School. He will be assisted by Col. L. D. DeLyon, instructor in languages, and Miss Nannie Hughes. The next session will open on the 17th inst. These teachers are all well endorsed. (HA 1/8/70)

70-30

If you want a new suit of clothes, or any part of a suit, don't fail to call at the Oak Hall Clothing establishment at No. 1 Dallas street. (HA 1/8/70)

70-31

#### GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

At the meeting last evening for election of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the opening year:

B. J. Terry.....President,

P. M. Graham.....Vice President,

W. Q. Bateman.....Treasurer,

W. C. T. Campbell....Secretary,

\_\_\_\_\_ McGill.....Superintendent.

DIRECTORS.--R. C. Boney, E. Marx, W. P. Williams, L. L. Bloomingdale, James Hoban. (JR1/8/70)

70-32

Jefferson is well supplied with Churches. The Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have each a house for public worship, as also have the colored people. Notwithstanding the facilities for religious instruction presented to our people, the majority of them can hardly be considered a church-going class. (JR 1/8/70)

70-33

We call attention to the advertisement of Dr. A. M. Wilson, the gentlemanly and energetic proprietor of the City Hotel. The Doctor always draws a full house, and what is better than all, he is the very man to provide bountifully for any number of guests. (JR 1/8/70)

70-34

#### RESTAURANT.

Andrews & Co. have fitted up a lunch and beer establishment, on Dallas St., in the place lately known as the Texas Brewery. They respectfully invite their friends to give them a call. (JR 1/8/70)

70-35

Old Dan Rice has gone and his circus "goes marching on" to other points. So long as Dan remains on *terra firma*, he will not allow anything to flag of which he has management. (JR 1/8/70)

70-36

FIRE.--On Sunday morning, the 2nd instant, Mr. Wm Taylor's dwelling, two miles from town, on the Dangerfield road, caught on fire. It was discovered before fairly under headway, and by the timely assistance of neighbors was extinguished with but slight damage. (JR 1/8/70)

70-37

Everybody in Jefferson wants to advertise in the RADICAL, but everybody is afraid that everybody else doesn't want him to do so. It is all a mistake to think so. Many are anxious for somebody to break the ice a little more extensively. (JR 1/8/70)

70-38

THE JEFFERSON RADICAL is destined to be one of the greatest advertising mediums in Texas. It would be strange indeed if business men could long be induced to neglect the opportunity of patronizing an organ with our extensive circulation. Happily, we find that even now the most prominent merchants in Jefferson are preparing to give us their business cards. In return, we promise to do as much for the material prosperity of our city and section as our limited ability will permit. (JR 1/8/70)

70-39

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 21, 1869.

Col. A. G. Malloy, Mayor, presiding.--Aldermen present, Kolster, Schluter, Stutz, Williams, Terry, Campbell and Morris.--On motion C. D. Morris was called to act as Recorder pro tem. Capt. S. Graham presented to the Council his map of the city of Jefferson. After a full examination of the same it was unanimously accepted and adopted. The Mayor was authorized to pay \$250 for the same. It was ordained that from and after the 1st day of January, 1870, the license for auctioneering shall be two hundred dollars per annum. It was further ordained that from and after this, all Circuses and Menageries shall pay the sum of fifty dollars for each exhibition and shall pay twenty-five dollars per day for each Side Show to the same. On motion Campbell and Schluter were appointed a committee to report to the Board a tariff of License for 1870. On motion the following Ordinance was adopted: Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Jefferson, That the Ordinance passed on the 6th of October, 1869, authorizing the issuing of Bonds of the City to the amount of thirty thousand dollars to aid in the removal of obstructions in the Bayou and Lakes between the city of Jefferson and Shreveport, La., be and the same is hereby repealed. Be it further ordained that Bonds of the city of Jefferson to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be issued, having twenty years to run and bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, principle and interest payable in gold. And that said bonds be applied under the direction of the Board in the purchase for the use of the City of one Steam fire Engine, fixtures and the requisite No. of Hoes to work the same; for the construction of Cisterns or wells at convenient places for the supply of water in case of fire; Also, for building an Engine house, with city stall and Mayor's office. Be it further ordained that a tax of one half of one per cent or as much thereof as may be necessary, be levied and collected annually by the city Assessor and Collector on all Real Estate and Personal Property within the City limits to pay the interest on said bonds. Be it further Ordained that these Bonds shall not be sold for less than face value. On motion the account of B.

W. Grey for services as attorney for the City be paid one hundred dollars. On motion Kolster and Williams were appointed to confer with Insurance Companies and Merchants to see what amount of Bonds can be disposed of. On motion the Mayor was instructed to contract for all necessary materials for Hook and Ladder Company in connection with the fire Engine. On motion the meeting adjourned.

C. D. MORRIS,  
Recorder pro tem.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, January 3d, 1870.

Col. A. G. Malloy, Mayor, presiding. Aldermen present, Stutz, Terry, Schluter, Campbell, Morris, Kolster and Williams. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion Stutz and Kolster were appointed to draft a Charter for fire Company No. 1. A petition was read from said fire Company and on motion it was resolved that the City Council recognize fire Company No. 1 as an organized body. On motion the following Ordinance was adopted: That all transient gift enterprise shall pay ten dollars per day, all other transient peddlers shall pay five dollars per day. All Bankers, Brokers or shavers of notes shall pay one hundred dollars per year. All agents of Insurance Companies shall pay thirty dollars a year for each Company they represent. All Hotels and Restaurants shall pay fifty dollars a year. All Retail Dealers in Whisky by the quart, ale or beer by the bottle or glass, shall pay fifty dollars a year. All hide Dealers shall pay thirty dollars per year. On motion the following Ordinance in regard to Oak Hill Cemetery was adopted: 1st, That all persons regardless of age, sex or color, except those owning lots, shall pay the Sexton one dollar for the privilege for each and every one buried within the present inclosure; 2nd, It shall be the duty of the Sexton when called upon, to show the applicant where to bury, and always have a grave digger with suitable tools to dig with and superintend the same; 3d, That the Sexton or grave digger shall be allowed from three to five dollars for each and every grave dug, payable by those having said work done; 4th, That all persons having improvements made inside said enclosure be required to move all obstructions such as brick, mortar beds, lumbars and all kinds of rubbish of every description within twenty-four hours after said improvements are finished or be fined in a sum of not less than twenty-five dollars for each and every offence; 5th, That any person committing any misdemeanor such as pulling palings off fences, cutting or disfiguring trees, shrubbery, or in any way interfering with tombs or enclosure around graves, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offence; 6th, That it shall be the duty of the Sexton to keep a correct registration of all interments or burials, stating age, sex, name, color and disease, with the No. of Lot where buried for the year 1870. Report the same to the Mayor every three months for publication; 7th, That it be made the duty of each practicing Physician within the limits of the City to report weekly to the Sexton all deaths under his practice, stating name, age, sex, color and disease for the year 1870; 8th, That all Lots of ground now claimed by persons having friends or relations buried thereon must come forward and take out deeds for the same by the first of March 1870, or said lots or parcels of ground not occupied by the present dead will be sold; 9th, That it shall be the duty of the Sexton to make quarterly reports to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; All moneys received and expended, with such other information as they may require and said reports be published (by?) S. Marsh Sexton. On motion Mr. Marsh was continued as sexton for the year 1870.

The Reports of City Treasurer and assessor and referred to Terry and Schluter, On motion it was made the duty of each physician to report weekly to the Sexton all deaths under his practice and any one failing to do so shall be fined not less than two dollars and fifty cents for each failure. On motion the following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid: Mrs. Kate Woods, \$50.00; Rogers and Hatchkiss, \$93.60 Specie; McKeves and Bowers, \$29.00 Specie; Brem. Watts, Stewart and Co., \$6.52. On motion the meeting adjourned.

Approved,

A. G. MALLOY,

Brev. Col. U. S. A., Mayor. (JR 1/8/70)

J. C. LANE,

Recorder.

70-40

THE JEFFERSON SUICIDE.--The Daily Times and Republican, of the 1st inst., has the following additional account of the suicide of Lieut. E. P. Colby:

The causes which led to this most unfortunate and rash act are involved in mystery, and can only be attributed to the fact that for sometime past Lieutenant Colby's indebtedness had been greater than he was able to pay. He had been addicted recently to gambling and drunkenness and lost heavily. On the mantelpiece in his room, was found, a small Sunday school book, on the subject of the ruinous results of gambling, said to have been sent to the deceased by his brother. Written on this was--"Follow the teachings of this and you will be saved." Whether this was written by him or not, we are uninformed. He had, however, expressed his determination to take his own life for some days previous to the commission of the deed, but the manner in which he did so always left the impression that he was not in earnest. On the morning on which the deed was committed, and just prior to the commission of the act, he sent his roommate to the telegraph office with a dispatch to a lady friend. Scarcely had his friend reached the pavement before the fatal shot was fired and the soul of the unfortunate man had winged its way to the spirit land. Lieut. Colby was a native of Vermont, and a son of Hon. S. B. Colby, Register, at one time, of the Treasury. (SW 1/12/70)

70-41

HARRISON COUNTY.--We clip the following items from the Harrison Flag of the 6th:

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We learn from the Jefferson Times that Mr. George Towers, a young man of 22 or 23 years of age, was called out of the Baptist Church, in that place, on last Sabbath morning, and marched off to the stockade by Buell's soldiers. No one is aware of any charge against him. (SW 1/12/70)

70-42

TUESDAY, Jan. 11.--Just before noon the steamer Jennie Howell, Capt. Halliday, J. W. Spears, clerk, came in from the city, four days and eighteen hours out, with a very heavy freight and a good list of people. Most of her freight, three hundred tons, was for the Memphis and El Paso railroad and consigned to the settlement on Cypress bayou. She sailed in that direction late in the evening. (SW 1/12/70)

70-43

THE MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.--The steamer Ida passed up Sunday night for Jefferson, loaded for the branch road of the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Rail road. She had on board a locomotive, a number of trucks (tracks?) and two hundred rails. There is more on the ship in New Orleans, where the foregoing came from. (SW 1/12/70)

70-44

Sedberry, who shot two of our policemen over two years ago and wounded them seriously, was killed at Dallas, Texas, on Christmas day by the City Marshal. He formerly lived in Jefferson, where he killed and wounded a Federal soldier. On the day he was shot he boasted of having killed fourteen men. He belonged to a very respectable family. Whisky did the work for him. (SW 1/12/70)

70-45

SATURDAY, Jan. 8.--About noon the circus boat Will S. Hays, having on board Dan Rice's "Own Circus," arrived from the Cypress bayou settlement. (SW 1/12/70)

70-46

(Article in *New Orleans Picayune* says that Texas beef packers have been competitive with Chicago packers, but that production is limited because only one plant has refrigeration.) (HA 1/15/70)

70-47

We called to see the fine lot of groceries which our friend G. W. Seaborn received last week, but lo! they had all gone like hot cakes. He expects another big arrival next Monday--but don't call till after breakfast. For location see standing card. (HA 1/15/70)

70-48

J. A. H. Hosack and L. L. Bloomingdale will sell the entire stock in the Oak Hall, at public auction, beginning January 17th, and continue till the stock is closed out. (HA 1/15/70)

70-49

See notice of Piano and Organ tuning &c., by Prof. G. Frank, in advertising columns. (HA 1/15/70)

70-50

The military post at Jefferson has proved a great blessing to the City in more respects than one. Law is now respected and order enforced; emigration has set in to a most encouraging extent; and business and every enterprise or improvement has received a new impetus. If the policy of Wendell Phillips and Morgan C. Hamilton could be carried out we should have twenty Buells in Texas, and under such a vigorous administration of public justice as would thus be inaugurated, our State could not fail to become the brightest star in the American Constellation. (JR 1/15/70)

70-51

We have had very warm weather during the fore part of the week; since, it has turned to raining. Navigation is looking up. Steamboats constantly arriving and departing, bringing immigrants and goods, and with them life, trade and prosperity. (JR 1/15/70)

70-52

MRS. KELLY'S concert came off on Friday the 7th, highly pleasing and gratifying her friends, of whom there were many present. Her entertainment was calculated to instruct as well as to please. (JR 1/15/70)

70-53

Go to Bogel & Bro. for anything you want; they have it at the lowest prices. Everybody likes to trade with them, they are so gentlemanly and accommodating. (JR 1/15/70)

70-54

GRAND MILITARY BALL.--On Monday night, the 10th inst., General Buell, Col. Malloy and other officers of this post, gave a grand ball. The airy and elegant hall of the Murphy building was ornamented and decorated with flags and other appropriate emblems of our nationality. The throng of beauty, the (?) martial (?) army (?), the (?) civic personages, the delightful music, all conspired to make the scene one of peculiar and enchanting gaiety. To say the supper was superb, would be to use a trite expression. But to remark that Mrs. Wood, the popular proprietress of our principal restaurant, prepared the eatables is sufficient to attest the luxury of the feast. An accident occurred which marred, somewhat, for the time, the pleasures of the evening. A young gentleman fell from the second story of the house to the pavement below, and seriously injured himself. He was promptly cared for by a number of gentlemen. He was attended to by several skillful physicians, and we are gratified to learn that he is rapidly improving. (JR 1/15/70)

70-55

At the Grand Military Hop last Monday, there was so much hopping that a man hopped out of the window. (JR 1/15/70)

70-56

At the Military Ball Monday evening, a young gentleman in retiring from the ball room stepped out of the second story window and fell heavily on the brick sidewalk. He was taken up by some by-standers, and Col. Loughery being present, very kindly offered his assistance and had him taken to his room where medical attendance was called in. The young man was pronounced not dangerous, and since, we hear he is rapidly recovering. It is not known how he happened to step out of the window but must have imagined himself to have been a comet, or perhaps mistook the window of the second story for the door of the lower story, we must say that there is a resemblance between the two, only one is fifteen or twenty feet higher than the other. (JR 1/15/70)

70-57

The Paris Press abuses President Grant for the pardon of Matt Taylor, one of the convicted Jefferson prisoners, and also abuses Ward Taylor, uncle of Matt, for seeking to get him pardoned....--*Houston Union*. (JR 1/15/70)

70-58

Last Saturday night, Harrison Thurman, a notoriously bad character, a gambler and a would be assassin, who figured conspicuously in an attempt to kill G. W. Smith the night before his death, was arrested for creating a disturbance. After being taken to the Mayor's office he was left in charge of a soldier. While standing alone with the soldier in the dark, he drew a dagger and stabbed him several times, after which he ran away, and has not been seen since. His victim, is in a dangerous state, perhaps mortally wounded. It is to be hoped that the police will make it hot for all such stabbing gentry. (JR 1/15/70)

70-59

Mr. William W. Lewis, a colored member of the City police, has opened a grocery, on Marshall St. He has a well stocked house where he proposes to sell as cheap for cash as any house in town. Mr. Lewis is intelligent and energetic and will no doubt succeed in establishing a good business. (JR 1/15/70)

70-60

#### MUSIC HALL.

We happened in on Wednesday evening to see the concert at the Music Hall, and were very much amused at the burlesques and comedies. We are not surprised at the number of people to be found there when we take into consideration that it is the only place of amusement (rest of text obliterated). (JR 1/15/70)

70-61

R. Ballauf & Co. (?) business, and have the best stock of goods by the wholesale of any house in town. Their house covers the whole front of the block on Marshall St. and is filled full of Hardware and Furniture. (JR 1/15/70)

70-62

H. Levy & Co. are establishing a mammoth trade in dry goods and will undoubtedly build up the largest business in that line in the City. (JR 1/15/70)

70-63

DISTRICT COURT.--Judge Garland's negro court still continues. We went up there last night. There were four negroes on the jury, and eight intelligent, respectable white men. A negro was on trial for an assault with an intent to murder. Judge Garland seemed wide awake, the negro defendant asleep and Shuford making a speech. A very interesting scene for a photographer.--*Times and Republican*.

We would gently intimate to Mr. Loughery that in spite of all the powers of Conservatism this Globe will continue to revolve, the eternal stars will continue to shine, and mixed juries will

continue to fill the jury-box in Texas. And neither Loughery nor any one else will ever live to see the day when such juries will be dispensed with in Texas or any other Southern State.

At the "Spring Term," 1868, of the District Court in and for the county of Marion we vainly tried to induce the Sheriff to summon colored men as jurors.--Just after the murder of Geo. W. Smith, we were repeatedly warned on the streets that our course in this respect had sealed our doom unless we saved ourself by a precipitate flight. We escaped with two or three tried friends, travelling nearly 200 miles on a frail skiff. Since our return we have organized mixed juries in seven counties and have never been ashamed to defend our course herein whether on the stump or in private conversation.

We are confident that the great majority of the white people of Texas will some day approve our course. But whether they ever do or not in our time, we shall never cease our endeavors to eradicate the barbarism of caste from the administration of public justice. (JR 1/15/70)

70-64

#### OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

As the Texas Legislature is soon to assemble all eyes are turned to the members thereof. We shall take pleasure in canvassing the abilities and merits of those whose acts have placed, or may hereafter place themselves prominently before the public.

Just at this time our attention is naturally called to those who are to represent our 8th Senatorial District.

Judge Donald Campbell, our Senator elect, is too well known to require any encomium from us. It is peculiarly fortunate that his election was effected in spite of any *hocus pocus* that his opponents could invent. Mr. Campbell had so long been persecuted and hated for his devotion to law and order, union and liberty, during all the dark days of rebellion and anarchy that every Republican in the State will heartily congratulate him on his triumph over combined fraud and treason. He will enter upon his new duties prepared, as always in the passt, to uphold the principles of the most advanced Republicanism.

Messrs C. D. Morris and J. W. Johnson, two of the Representatives elect from this District, both reside in this City and are men of first class business talents, as well as possessed of indomitable energy and what is of most consequence in these critical times, they may be counted on as reliable Republicans. Dr. Robinson, of Bowie county, the other Representative, is a young man of much promise.

Altogether, our whole delegation will undoubtedly work like beavers for the grand cause nearest our hearts, and they will likewise work faithfully to promote the material interests of Jefferson and the whole surrounding country. We doubt not that they will secure the respect of their opponents and retain the confidence of their friends. (JR 1/15/70)

70-65

#### PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, January 17th, 1870.

Col. A. G. Malloy, Mayor, presiding. Aldermen present, Williams, Stutz, Terry, Sterne, Schluter, Kolster and Campbell. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion the following Charter was adopted for fire Company No. 1 for two years. Charter. A petition was read from the Sisters of Charity, and on motion the following answer was returned: That the City



is not able at present to make any appropriation but will pay for any case sent to your care by the order of the Mayor. On motion the petition of Nelson S. Andrews was laid on the table, also the petition of C. Sullivan, tabled. The Committee reported the following reports correct: City Treasurer's report for quarter ending 31st December 1869.

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand last quarter   | \$9.03         |
| Received from J. C. Lane A & C | 3840.42        |
| Col. A. G. Malloy, Mayor,      | <u>1284.88</u> |
|                                | 5164.33        |

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Disbursements            |                |
| Paid on Claims Allowed   | 1852.07        |
| Paid on Acct of Salaries | 1612.02        |
| Paid on Street Labor     | <u>1445.73</u> |
| Balance on hand          | 126.28         |

W. H. Johnson  
City Treasurer.

City Assessor & Collector's report for the quarter ending 31st December 1869

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Collected on Real Estate Tax             | 781.70         |
| Collected on License Tax                 | 958.97         |
| Collected on Street Tax                  | 11.00          |
| Collected on Wharfage Tax                | 296.15         |
| Collected on Script Tax                  | <u>2103.00</u> |
|  | \$4150.82      |
| Cr. by Am't paid W. H. Johnson, Ct'y Tr. | 3840.48        |
| My Commission                            | <u>311.25</u>  |
|  | 4151.73        |

J. C. LANE,  
City Assessor and Collector.

On motion no fruit stands nor persons allowed to peddle fruits without paying the regular License Tax. On motion the resignation of Capt. S. Graham as City Scavenger was received. On motion the South side of Dallas Street below Vale Street, was ordered to be fixed up. On Motion the petition of Johnson Stephens & Co. referred to Kolstar and Schluter. On Motion a tax of five dollars a night was to be collected from the Music hall. On motion the following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid: Geo. Brim, \$10.00; W. T. Williams & Son, \$150.00 specie; Russell & Co., \$12.25; Hart & Sherrod, \$8.75; John Feidler, \$14.00. Also the affidavit of Rogers & Hotchkiss for their claim of \$93.60 specie was to be received by the Treasurer.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Approved,  
A. G. MALLOY,  
Brevet Col. U. S. A., Mayor.

J. C. LANE,  
Recorder.

#### CHARTER.

I. State of Texas, County of Marion and City of Jefferson.

Be it Known that on this day of \_\_\_\_\_ year of our Lord 18\_\_ and of the Independence of the United States of America the \_\_\_\_\_ before me \_\_\_\_\_ a notary public in and for the City of Jefferson, State of Texas, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and \_\_\_\_\_ undersigned personally came and appeared the several

parties whose names are hereunto subscribed who declared that availing themselves of the Statutes of the State of Texas relative to the organization of corporations in this State They have covenanted and agreed and hereby bind themselves and those they represent and those who may hereafter become members of this corporation, to establish an incorporated company for the objects and purposes and under the obligations and specifications hereinafter mentioned, to wit:

I. That this corporation shall be domiciled in the City of Jefferson, State of Texas, and the name and style of the same shall be "Jefferson Fire Company No. 1." It shall have and enjoy corporate powers for the full term of 10 years from the date hereof, and the President of the Company and in his absence the Vice President and in the absence of both the Secretary shall be the proper officer upon whom to leave any legal documents or writs.

II. That the objects and purposes of this corporation are declared to be the duties incumbent upon a Fire Engine Company.

III. That there shall be an annual meeting of this company on the first Thursday in January of each year, and each meeting shall elect the following officers, to wit: A President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Foreman, a Second Assistant Foreman, to serve for the ensuing year, and the voting shall be by ballot.

IV. That this company shall hold its regular meetings on the First Thursday of each month, and fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. There shall be special meetings of this Company whenever the President may think necessary.

V. That no member shall in any event be held personally liable for contracts, debts, liabilities, acts, faults or obligation of this company, nor shall any more informality in organizing have the effect of rendering this Charter null.

VI. That the officers of this Company during a fire shall have and exercise full police power in and around the fire.

VII. That this Charter may be altered or amended at any general or special meeting of this Company. Two-thirds of that Company being present and assenting thereto. Subject to the approval or disapproval of the City Council.

VIII. That the incorporators in this Company and its respective interest are declared to be as follows:

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| R. E. Cortes,    | E. P. Rendle,            |
| G. Briant,       | R. W. Loughery, Jr.      |
| L. G. Cortes,    | Walter Reyan,            |
| A. D. McCutchen, | And others. (JR 1/22/70) |

70-66

We copy as follows from the (Jefferson, Texas,) Daily Times and Republican of the 15th:

During the last thirty-six hours it has rained almost continuously; not hard, but a steady, unceasing rain. The streets are a perfect loblolly, and the genius of the street commissioner, contractor, or whatever he is called, displays itself wonderfully in the juciness and stickiness of the red clay he has emptied by the cart load on the streets. The bayou is rising, and in the twenty-four hours previous to this writing it has risen about eight inches. There have been heavy rains in the regions of the head waters of the bayou and the tributaries of Red river, and we may look for a rise equal to the one we had in December. This is cheering in the extreme, and makes the heart glad. Such news is the mother of smiles to those interested. Plenty of water, therefore plenty of boats; *ergo* cheap freights. (SW 1/19/70)

70-67

We call attention to the business card of Wm. B. Ochiltree, Auctioneer.--Bill is scarcely less noted than his brother Tom and it is needless to say that he is both indefatigable and irrepressible in his line of business. (JR 1/22/70)

70-68

Read the advertisement of Albert Cooper, Auctioneer. Any one who has business with him will find him to be "old business" himself. Can sell stock quicker than any other man. (JR 1/22/70)

70-69

Capt. S. Graham, late of U. S. Army, has resigned the City Surveyorship of Jefferson. Capt. Graham is likely to become a permanent resident of Jefferson. (JR 1/29/70)

70-70

#### DISTRICT COURT.

The Court adjourned on Thursday Jan. 27th. Very few litigated cases were reached on the Civil Docket although many cases were dismissed.

On the Criminal Docket, 4 cases of Felony and 36 of Misdemeanor were disposed of by *Nolle Prosequi*; there were 10 acquittals of Felony (including one case of murder), and 8 acquittals of misdemeanor; 7 cases were abated by death of defendants; 3 defendants appealed from verdicts of guilty in cases of felony; and 3 in cases of misdemeanor; 12 indictments were quashed and 5 defendants held over to await new indictments for felony; in 22 cases of misdemeanor in which no appeal was taken, the aggregate amount of the fines assessed was \$1530; 3 defendants were sentenced short terms of imprisonment in the County Jail for petty theft; and 5 convicts, Lewis, C. Forest, John Baltese, Scott Williams, Byron Goss, and John Bentley were sentenced to the State Penitentiary for the term of two years each.

In 14 cases, Judgements *nisi* were taken by the State against the defendants and their securities for nonappearance.

The Grand Jury found 87 Indictments averaging about three or four defendants each bill. (TR 1/29/70)

70-71

GOING AHEAD.--It appears that despite the assaults made upon the Memphis and El Paso Railroad the work is progressing satisfactorily. For a company that "has no means," we must say that it is working wonders. Captain Daniels informs the Jefferson Times that fourteen miles of road are already graded. (SW 2/2/70)

70-72

#### BEGINNING PROSPERITY OF JEFFERSON.

It cannot pass the notice of any one at all awake to every day occurrences, that Jefferson presents a picture of unexampled energy and prosperity. Her mammoth business houses overflowing with merchandise; her levees crowded with steamboats, discharging freight that supplies thousands of square miles of interior. Her unbounded resources as a commercial center

is illustrated when we take into consideration that the past week nearly five thousand bales of cotton have been shipped, and that is only a drop compared to previous shipments; and thousands upon thousands of bales are yet to be taken away, to give employment to half the world.

Another evidence of our city's rarely exemplified thrift is the large number of strangers that are overflowing our community with their energies. Business men, Mechanics and Railroad men are so numerous as almost to swallow up the older citizens. These strangers are the advance guard of intelligent laborers that are destined to open our unbounded resources, build our railroads, our cities, and develop our agricultural districts. Railroads, Steamboats and immigration will cause this city to resound with the industrial pursuits of intelligent and enterprising people from all parts of the country.

We say Immigration, Railroads and Capital. Let our undeveloped wealth be open to the intelligent working men of all parts of our country. Let the guarantee go out that whoever comes to build up our interests, their political sentiments will be respected. We want intelligent labor, and to gain it we must make it respectable. Give us free speech and protection in political sentiments, and you have the best class of Mechanics of the nation. (JR 2/5/70)

70-73

There are now hundreds of strangers in Jefferson; so many as to astonish the older citizens. At the present rate of increase of population, it has been predicted by a gentleman well conversant with the inhabitants that the whole tone of the community will be changed within twelve months from the present time.--It may be somewhat alarming for some of our Democratic friends to contemplate. But it is nevertheless true that there is a fair prospect for this city to be an extremely Radical burg. People coming from every part of the civilized world cannot conscientiously endorse or swallow the proscriptive spirit of Southern Democracy, and unless they make a heavy forced march towards liberal sentiments, they will drive numbers from their ranks without the least augmenting of immigration. (JR 2/5/70)

70-74

A disorderly house almost immediately under our office, the frequenters of which appear to be eternally on the "war path." On Thursday, a pugilistic encounter, between two men, took place in this "dead fall," making the neighborhood resound with curses and abuse. After fighting inside for some time, they adjourned to the street, where they had it in the most approved "dog style." Very remarkably there were no police to interrupt them, and they rolled together on the street until Gen. Buell, whose presence in the vicinity enabled him to see the affair, hastening to the scene of disturbance, quickly quelled the fight by jerking them asunder. On Friday morning, another disturbance in the same place, resulted in a soldier getting his face bruised in a frightful manner; though half the neighborhood was accused, there were no arrests. It has become very common for fights to occur in this saloon, but the belligerents always escape arrest. The city police deserve great praise for their vigilance in keeping peace, but we would suggest that they should have an eye to the frequenters of this disreputable headquarters of rowdies. (JR 2/5/70)

70-75

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Berchmeyer & Co., the proprietors of the Railroad House Restaurant, on Dallas St., immediately under the Radical office. They have a full house and good fare. We recommend the house to our friends. (JR 2/5/70)

70-76

The Music Hall appears to be the only attraction in this city at present.--Every one admits that it is an orderly, well conducted establishment, where amusement is the order of the night. Jig dancing, singing, burlesques, comedies and tragedies are on the bills of entertainment. It is needless to say that a good part of Jefferson can be found there during the performance. (JR 2/5/70)

70-77

Mrs. Kate Wood's Restaurant seems to be the general attraction to gentlemen in want of well-filled tables of the best of fare. Her restaurant--on the European style--is a great success, as all her boarders can attest. (JR 2/5/70)

70-78

We doubt very much if our population could have succeeded in making more than a village of Jefferson. And yet, look at the rapid growth and business of that place. Situated on a narrow bayou which looks as if it were navigable only for large-sized skiffs, and with indifferent navigation through the lakes during a great portion of the year, it yet almost rivals Shreveport in extent of business. Is this not the result of enterprise and energy? (SW 2/16/70)

70-79

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9.--The Era No. 9 came in from Jefferson at 6 o'clock this evening flying light, as she hurried down to meet the Selma here to take her Jefferson freight. She reports that it is almost impossible to get hands at Jefferson to work at fifty cents an hour in specie. Crews have got into the habit of jumping at that point. (SW 2/16/70)

70-80

#### PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 7th, 1870.

Col. A. G. Malloy, Mayor, Presiding.--Aldermen present, Terry, Schluter, Stutz, Kolster and Williams. On motion the following Ordinances were passed: Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, That all freights arriving at and going from the City, that is not removed from the wharf within twenty-four hours after being placed there, the owners of said freights shall be fined ten dollars per tun each day. Resolved that the office of (?) commissioner for the time-being be (?) and that the Chief of Police be (?) superintend street work (?). (?) Powder Magazine (?).

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb 10, 1870.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment. On Motion, Aldermen Kolster, Schluter and Williams were appointed to confer with General Buell. A petition was read from H. K. Hodges, asking to be appointed City Surveyor, and on motion the appointment was given him,

and the salary was to be five dollars for each survey, and all parties who are about to erect houses or who may hereafter build shall employ the City Surveyor to establish their lines, and any one failing to do so shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$20. On motion the following claims were allowed: Tom Ward, \$20 specie; I. M. Thomas, \$9; The Daily Jimplecute, \$12; O. C. Herrenkind, \$12; Jas. Hoban, \$3.25; and J. W. Whittington, \$5. On motion O. Sullivan's petition tabled. On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. C. LANE, Recorder.

Approved: A. G. MALLOY,

B'v't. Col. U. S. A., Mayor. (JR 2/19/70)

70-81

Gen. Hood left here yesterday on the Post Boy for the city. He was highly pleased with his success in Jefferson in organizing a local board of directors for the Life Association of America. (SW 2/23/70)

70-82

M. E. L. P. AND P. R. R.--The locomotive on the branch of the M. E. L. P. and P. R. R. is now running to Black Cypress, and the snort of the iron horse can be heard daily as it roams the depths of the pine forests onwards to the main line of this grand railroad enterprise. May the work go bravely on towards its early completion. Our citizens must wake up from lethargic slumbers and take an interest by helping this vast institution to its final success. [Jimplecute.] (SW 2/23/70)

70-83

We are in receipt of some valuable information which will gladden the hearts of our Southern people throughout the length and breadth of this land. Prisoners who are now confined in military prisons will not be executed by the findings of military courts, as has been the case since the close of the war, and those who are confined in military dungeons will be released as soon as the civil laws are established. [Jefferson Jimplecute.] (SW 2/23/70)

70-84

Our dispatches of yesterday announced the release of Dr. Richardson and Capt. C. L. Pitcher, unjustly and illegally convicted by a military commission, and sentenced to the penitentiary. These estimable gentlemen will be welcomed home by their friends. Guilty of no crime, they have suffered over a year of cruel, relentless persecution. The President has released three of the Jefferson prisoners. We hope his sense of justice will cause him to release the balance. He ought to do it. Their incarceration in a penitentiary, or anywhere else, is a disgrace to the Government. [Jefferson Times, 13th.] (SW 2/23/70)

70-85

A TOUCH OF JEALOUSY.--The following card appears in the New Orleans Times of the 13th, signed by all the leading merchants of Jefferson:

We, the undersigned, merchants of Jefferson, Texas, take this method of requesting our correspondents and shippers not to ship any of our freights on the Bradish Johnson, Jefferson,

Grand Era, or any boat reshipping, as it causes us delay, vexation and loss. [And here follows a list of names].

If "delay, vexation and loss," actually result from the reshipment of freight at this point, we have nothing to say; but we are inclined to doubt this, and fear that the action of the Jefferson merchants is prompted more by a jealousy of Shreveport than any other cause. They would no doubt think it rather mean and little-spirited in the merchants of this place to enter into a combination not to patronize boats that go through to Jefferson; and unless our merchants knew this movement on the part of the merchants of the latter place was prompted by jealousy alone, it would probably be so.

That our merchants have not pursued such a policy is evident, and the fact was clearly demonstrated recently. One of our best packets failed to get a load of cotton here, and whilst lying at the wharf a boat from Jefferson came in and secured some eight hundred bales. (SW 2/23/70)

70-86

#### TEXAS FURNITURE MANUFACTORY.

We call attention of our readers to the new advertisement of John West & Co., Manufacturers of Chairs, Bedsteads, Cabinets, and everything pertaining to that line. This is a branch of business that has been needed long, and now the opportunity is offered to have a home manufactory that will supply a superior article of Furniture at reduced prices. Go to West & Co.'s Factory, Jefferson, opposite the old Market. (JR 2/26/70)

70-87

Noyes' Superior Circus is coming. Look out for the grandest display of magnificence ever seen this side of the Mississippi. All fun-lovers for "miles and miles around" will flock in on Wednesday, the 9th of March, and stay *four days*, and see for themselves that newspapers don't lie when they say C. W. Noyes has the Greatest Combination Circus extant. (JR 2/26/70)

70-88

We call attention to Anderson Wright's card. He has opened a Grocery Store and invites all of his friends to give him a call. (JR 2/26/70)

70-89

TEXAS SALOON.--This popular and favorite Saloon, attached to the well-known and accommodating House, the City Hotel, has recently been thoroughly repaired, and also replenished with the best of Wines and Liquors of all sorts. Those who wish something good give Phil. and Frank a call. Why is the Texas Saloon like a House of worship? Because you always meet there a Blessing. (JR 2/26/70)

70-90

The Jefferson Times of the 19th chronicles without tears the death, near Austin, of the notorious detective, Bostwick, who rendered himself infamous during the Jefferson troubles. The lamented deceased was thrown from a buggy, had his skull fractured, and died from the effects thereof. The Times thinks there was no poetical justice in the gallows being thus cheated.

This is a hard world, Loughery, and it is very seldom one meets with his just deserts. Let this reflection be a solace and a comfort to you. (SW 3/2/70)

70-91

The Jefferson Jimplecute establishment has been purchased by Mr. W. J. F. Morgan, who was previously one of its owners. (SW 3/2/70)

70-92

THE JEFFERSON MERCHANTS.--In commenting upon our remarks in regard to the card signed by the merchants of Jefferson, instructing their friends in New Orleans not to ship their goods by any boats which reship at Shreveport, the Jimplecute says:

A certain house here had \$5000 shipped from New Orleans, with certain instructions to forward promptly to Jefferson, and instead of obeying those instructions it was stored in Shreveport fourteen days, causing serious loss to those merchants, who were anxiously awaiting its arrival. The same house had a lot of whisky which could have met a ready sale had it arrived on the boat that received it at New Orleans. The whisky was reshipped, and lay in store at Shreveport some two weeks.

As we before remarked, if the merchants there are in any way injured by reshipments, by all means let them act in accordance with their own interests in the matter, and put a stop to it. Time and space forbid any reply to the funny portion of the Jimplecute's remarks. (SW 3/2/70)

70-93

The merchants of Jefferson held a meeting on the 2d, at which it was resolved to change their selling prices to those of currency, and, when not too detrimental to their interests, sell for currency. (SW 3/9/70)

70-94

HOW MILITARY DESPOTISM WORKS.--We learn that there is a man in the stockade by the name of Frame, who was arrested fourteen months ago upon a vague charge of being one of Cullen Baker's men and placed in the stockade. In that miserable bastille he has remained from that day to this. So far as any one knows, there is not a tangible charge against him. Military commission after commission have assembled, and no notice taken of his case. General Buell, before he left here, offered to release him on a bond of five hundred dollars, but the poor fellow had no one to appeal to, and had to remain. If this does not furnish a commentary upon military tyranny, what could be adduced that would shock the honest sentiment of the country? And yet, as badly as those in authority acted, truth compels us to say that, with their unlimited power, they could have done even worse, and we believe that they contemplated much more evil than has been consummated, and were only restrained by the moral power brought to bear against them. [Jefferson Times, 4th.] (SW 3/9/70)

70-95

We are under obligations to the Post Adjutant, Capt. J. Wagner, for a copy of a report made by the Post Surgeon, Dr. Carvallo, in regard to the establishment of a hospital in this city for the indigent sick. Heretofore the sick has been cared for in the military hospital by Gen. Buell's order. A copy of this report has been forwarded to the City Council, and we hope they



may take some action in regard to the matter by immediately going to work and establishing a city hospital for the indigent sick that are among us, some of whom are in a wretched condition.

A city hospital is an institution that every city is required to have for the welfare of its prosperity and the general health and good condition of its population. Scourges classed under the head of fearful epidemics and diseases visit large towns and exit through the poorer classes as they wander from place to place, and they being afflicted with these diseases, spread them among the densely populated cities or towns, causing epidemics to flourish and nurture among the healthful portion of our population.

If we create a city hospital, then these diseases can be arrested and the sick cared for and attention paid to them, and keeping the form of an epidemic confined to one place, so that the city can be cleansed from a terrible scourge and her population kept healthy and free from disease. We hope something will be done in this matter.

REPORT OF THE POST SURGEON.  
A CITY HOSPITAL RECOMMENDED.

Post Hospital.

Jefferson, Tex., March 18, 1870.

Brevet Capt. Jacob Wagner, U.S.A., Post Adjutant, Headq'rs Post of Jefferson:

*Sir*--In compliance with verbal instructions from the Commanding General, received Jan. 18th, 1870, I have the honor to submit a medical report of the citizens treated at the Post Hospital during the year 1869. Thirty-three citizens were admitted into the Post Hospital during the last year for medical treatment, classified as follows:

Fourteen citizen paupers, or non residents of the city.

Six discharged soldiers.

Six Quartermaster's employees.

Three officers' servants.

Three stockade prisoners.

One Indian.

Of this number five died, viz: three citizen paupers and two discharged soldiers. Six were remaining under treatment on the 31st of December, 1869, viz: three citizen paupers and three Quartermaster's employees. Twenty-two were discharged, cured, from the Hospital.

Twenty-two of the admissions were by express written or verbal permission or orders of the Commanding General, whereas nine (six Quartermaster's employees and three officers' servants) were admitted by the custom of the service, as attaches of the army.

The following shows the amount paid to the Hospital and from what source, viz: The fourteen paupers paid \$51.46; six discharged soldiers \$34.50; six Quartermasters' employees \$22.25; three officers' servants \$1.45. Total 109.66.

The thirty-three patients were in Hospital, collectively, 372 days--being an average of 11¼ days per man or 29½ cents per diem.

Three patients paid \$1 per diem, and fifteen the trifling sum of fifty cents in currency, being less than they could board for anywhere in the city; this without taking in consideration the extra diet, medical attendance and medicines. The rest paid nothing, except one officer's servant, who paid the cost price of the ration.

The above data demonstrates a very large mortality in proportion to the treated, viz: five out of thirty-three. This mortality is due to the fact that the patients were mostly admitted when in a very low condition; and after having undergone serious privations and shameful want of

medical attendance, which the city authorities should have furnished. This *trueism* is palpable when we compare this mortality with that of the troops treated in this city during the same year, where out of 1440 patients treated only 11 died of diseases.

This brings me to the main subject of this communication. It is obvious that in a civilized christian community, in a thriving and commercial emporium of the size of Jefferson, with its well to do and enlightened citizens, these would for their own credit, if not for humanity sake, establish some refuge for their sick. The constant traffic from the interior, immigration from the East, and the railroad naturally bring to Jefferson a large number of the laboring classes, who, if taken sick have no place to go to, no physician to attend to them, no one to care for them or to meet their wants. This is a duty incumbent on every community and one that is urgently required of the citizens of Jefferson, not only to sustain their credit amongst christian and enlightened communities, but in order to continue their almost unparalleled progress. They should know and feel that every able-bodied man who dies for want of treatment is a dead loss to the city, a laborer or co-operator to her prosperity.

I therefore respectfully recommend that an appeal be made to the city authorities, to undertake the establishment of a small hospital for paupers, non-residents, and the transient sick.

A house with accommodation for twelve beds a ward, office, dispensary, kitchen, dining room, two store-rooms and the necessary outhouses, together with a physician, cook, laundress and two nurses, would be a proper nucleus to commence with. The establishment could be enlarged as the means and requirements increased. Voluntary contributions by subscription, and a monthly allowance from the city funds, together with the pay expected from the patients who were able to pay, would afford the means. Of course, like all new undertakings, in the first few months the expense would be heavy, but there is no doubt that in the course of time, probably at the year's end, the institution would be self supporting if properly conducted. This duty of taking care of the sick poor of Jefferson, belongs to its citizens, who should not burden the army with it, the army having enough to take care of itself.

Thus, would not only the Government be saved the expense of boarding thirty odd men at an average expense of 75 cents per diem for 11¼ days a year, without estimating medicines, light, tear and wear of bedding, etc.; but also free the attendants and medical officers of the anomaly of giving their lawful leisure time, rest, and professional knowledge, without increased compensation, thanks, or acknowledgment.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

C. CARVALLO

Asst. Surgeon U.S.A., Post Surgeon. (TJ 3/22/70)

70-96

We are gratified to notice that Captain Crisp and his talented troupe are creating a sensation in Jefferson. We can assure the citizens of our sister city of one thing--they will never witness anything upon the stage that could give offence. (SW 3/23/70)

70-97

COTTON AT JEFFERSON.--From the Jefferson Daily Times and Republican, of the 24th, we learn that the receipts of cotton at that port up to date were 58,285, and shipments 53,711 bales; stock on hand 4588 bales. (SW3/30/70)

70-98

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70-99

Now that Texas is again in the union of States, and that the Lone Star will once more sparkle and shine amid the cluster of stars that encircle the old flag, and our people have the rights and privileges that are due to the citizens of a State, we ask our citizens have they thought of the important matter of electing good men to take the helm of our thriving city to govern and control our laws.

We want a good and energetic man for mayor, as well as for a city marshal, sheriff, etc., and a good board of aldermen. Has this matter been canvassed at all by any of our citizens?

Our city affairs has been somewhat neglected in many things, such as Fire Engines, a City Hall, Markets, City Hospital, and the lack of attention to building of side walks, and neglect of some of our important streets, some of which are in a deplorable condition; all these little wants need the attention of our citizens as to the future candidates for the City Government. We propose to the candidates for office, that they pledge themselves to fix up all the wants now felt in this thriving City, and if they assure the people that they will attend to these things the people will vote and elect such a man for office. A word to the wise, etc. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-100

THE BRILLIANT.--Lunch will be set at the Brilliant Saloon at 11 o'clock every day, and the public are invited to come and partake of a free lunch, and leave a quarter for the cooling drinks of cobuters(?), punches, juices, etc. Don't forget to bring our shinplasters. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-101

A MAN STABBED.--The police arrested two men yesterday, one of whom it is said is somewhat insane; the other man was, or had been, drinking. Both men were searched, but no weapons were found on either. They were placed in the same cell together, and during the morning the insane man was terribly cut in the neck by his fellow prisoner, who had managed to retain a huge knife on his person, notwithstanding the search. The wounded man was immediately conveyed to the military hospital. The fellow who did the stabbing will have a hearing to day. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-102

A MYSTERY.--A man by the name of Burna was found at the Fleta Landing by some of the hands of the Lizzie Hopkins, a day or two ago, who had evidently been murdered, from the appearance of his body. His face had been eaten by the buzzards, so that it was almost impossible to distinguish his features. He had been shot in the left eye, and a pistol was found by his side.

The Coroner held an inquest over the body yesterday, but we are unable to give the result, as we have thus far failed to see the Coroner.

Policeman Williams is still investigating the matter and hopes to be able to furnish further information on this mysterious affair. It has been ascertained that the relatives of the unfortunate man live in Tennessee. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-103

One of the party who turned State's evidence in regard to the killing of Capt. Geo. W. Smith, was found a few miles from this city, recently, badly beaten and lying by the roadside in a helpless condition. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-104

The Locomotive still rests quietly in its new house and the track affords fine pasturage for cattle.--Potato Bend still holds the key to the prosperity of Jefferson and everything wags along, as usual. Everybody attends to his or their own business, watching for the "almighty dollar," while public enterprise, abandoned and shunned by all, has sought more genial regions. The last heard from him he was on the "Texas Central" watching for another 1,000 Chinese. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-105

See notice of advertisement of Pernet's Dining Rooms.

Wanted at Pernet's Dining Rooms eggs, spring chickens, vegetables, etc. Pernet also wants 20 Boarders to occupy some of his fine large rooms and 10 Boarders by the day. Read the advertisement and notice that Pernet keeps a No. 1 Restaurant; the table is supplied with the best the market affords. (DJ 4/4/70)

70-106

Our contemporary of the Jimplecute is not satisfied with the manner in which the Texas Express Company express packages--stating that five days was not sufficient time for a package to travel from Shreveport to Jefferson. Rather slow traveling; that is the fact. (SW 4/13/70)

70-107

The Jefferson Jimplecute, of the 7th, gives a discouraging account of the prospect of farmers in that region. The late freezes, it says, killed everything, and "now the ground is still so dry that nothing can come up." We hope the recent rains have put a new phase upon the matter. (SW 4/13/70)

70-108

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70-109

We learn from the Jefferson Times that Wm. W. Hart, of Titus county, died in that city recently of measles. The same paper also records the death of Mr. Bassiarius Nichols, an Alabamian by birth, but a resident of Jefferson since 1853. (SW 4/20/70)

70-110

A vegetable gardener advertises in the Jefferson Jimplecute for twenty dozen toad frogs-- "none of your water bulls," he says; and another man, in a different line of business and still more unreasonable, wants a hundred dozen spring chickens. Who doesn't? we would like to know. (SW 4/20/70)

70-111

We admire the energy and pluck of the citizens of Jefferson, who, despite the difficulties that beset them, giving outsiders little hope for the future of that city, they are pushing ahead. Success to them, say we. The Times of the 11th has the following paragraph:

Improvement is the order of the day in Jefferson. Several companies are going into the brick business, and a number of new blocks are in progress and contemplation. The expiration of another season will present as remarkable change as during the past year. (SW 4/20/70)

70-112

THE JEFFERSON RAILROAD.--The Jimplecute reads the citizens of Jefferson somewhat of a lecture upon their lack of enterprise, in permitting the prize that was almost within their grasp to slip, because of their indisposition to extend material aid to the accomplishment of the work so auspiciously begun. The fact is, the people as a mass, have never, within our knowledge, very largely assisted in building railroads. Such works are accomplished almost entirely by companies of capitalists, strengthened by State or Governmental aid.

Our contemporary has latterly been traveling over the same road which was worn smooth years ago by the press of Shreveport in regard to the road here. Most touching and eloquent appeals were made to city and country, and although a handsome tax, both parish and corporation, was levied for railroad purposes, very few private individuals took stock. And all this is readily accounted for, in the fact that there are no capitalists among us; and this is equally true of the people in the region of Jefferson.

The Jimplecute thus continues a long article on the subject:

Now for the facts. When the company found that the people had entirely failed in subscribing either landed or moneyed stock they were compelled to look elsewhere for an offer, which, of course, was quickly found, and a coalition has been made with the Southern Pacific or Marshall road. The combined influences of the two roads were brought to bear and resulted in the passage of a bill through Congress, on the 8th inst., giving the Southern Pacific 20,000 acres of land per mile. This insures the rapid completion of that road beyond a cavil, even should the State of Texas fail to assist.

Under the arrangement, we understand that John C. Fremont has secured the contract for finishing the Cairo and Fulton road, and that from Texarkana the road is to be pushed forward rapidly on an air line to where the Texas Central and Southern Pacific roads cross. This will carry the road somewhere about fifty miles above us on the northwest, cutting in two our best trade, and leaving the big end on the outside. On the south and southeast we have the Southern

Pacific doing the same thing for us. Truly, we are being crowded, but that is nothing, as we are London in embryo. Bully for us, and three cheers for the "wagon brigade!"

But now comes another misfortune--they never come singly. The projectors of what is known as the Jefferson and Western Railroad, intended to run by way of Daingerfield, have become frightened--and rightly so--from the fact, as they say, that said road, under the last move, would not pay. All freight, west of the Texarkana road would either go to Galveston, 250 miles distant, or Memphis, 350 miles, instead of coming to Jefferson and traveling 800 miles to New Orleans, with the chances of low water added to that.

Now, where are we, anyhow? Where are we going to be shortly? How is the "wagon brigade?" Who are we? Are we anybody? Things are getting squally. The d\_\_\_l's to pay, and no pitch hot! We ask for information, as to how to proceed. Has anybody got a flatboat for sale, or a wheelbarrow for rent? (SW 4/20/70)

70-113

The *Jimplecute* denominates Negro Hill, "Radical Hill." What has the *Radical* newspaper to say to that? Will it stand it? What does it think of that journal going back on its friends? (WTR 4/21/70)

70-114

The Jefferson Gas Company moved yesterday, and moved rapidly. One hundred feet of pipe were laid. If the people respond promptly the principal streets of the city will soon be lighted with gas. But they must pay up their assessments. It is a cheap light, and the stock everywhere is regarded as a paying investment. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-115

In our recent trip to the city of New Orleans, every one that we met expressed the opinion that Jefferson had a brilliant future before it, if the citizens of the place were alive to their own interests. The improvement of the navigation was regarded as the first thing, and that accomplished everything else desirable would follow. Without that improvement, nothing would be accomplished. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-116

UNION OF THE TWO CYPRESSES.--*Think of It.*--What is termed Little Cypress is very nearly as large as Big Cypress, upon which Jefferson is located. What would it cost to unite the two streams? Is it practicable? A civil engineer could soon answer these questions. If the water in Little Cypress were emptied into Big Cypress, we would have navigation when steamboats find it difficult to reach Jefferson. We repeat, think of it. Find out whether it is practicable, and what it would cost. Our opinion is, a canal could be cut uniting the two streams that would not cost over twenty thousand dollars. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-117

#### CITIZENS MEETING.

At a meeting of the citizens of Jefferson, held at the Mayor's office, relative to the means to be adopted for the improvement of the navigation between this city and Shreveport, La.

On motion, Colonel A. G. Malloy was called to the chair, and K. D. Bateman, Esq., was appointed Secretary.

After a free discussion of the subject, it was moved by J. C. Murphy, Esq.: The city of Jefferson do issue her bonds to the amount of \$20,000, at present, to be appropriated to the said improvement, and that as soon as the charter of this city is changed by the Legislature, so as to enable the council to do so, that bonds in the further sum of \$10,000, or more, be issued, to be applied to the payment of said improvements. Carried.

Moved by F. A. Schluter, Esq., that Colonel W. M. Harrison and John C. Murphy be appointed a Committee to call on the merchants and business men of the cities of New Orleans and St. Louis, and obtain all the aid they can toward the accomplishment of the improvement of the navigation of our Lake and river, as assurances have heretofore been made, that if our citizens would move energetically in this matter that those cities would respond very liberally in donations to assist them. Carried.

As the above proceedings were considered a fair initiation of this enterprise, so vitally important to us, and so beneficial to the whole of Northeastern Texas, and nothing further appearing necessary to be done at present, the meeting adjourned, to be called together when further action become necessary.

A. G. MALLOY, President.

K. D. BATEMAN, Secretary. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-118

METHODIST PAPER FOR EASTERN TEXAS.--At the late session of the second Quarterly Conference of the Jefferson Station, M. E. Church, it was deemed expedient to establish a Methodist paper at Jefferson, Texas, not from any dissatisfaction with that excellent journal, the Galveston Christian *Advocate*, but because it was remote from this section of the State, and the church, numbering forty thousand members could support another paper. A prospectus of the new paper is before us signed by R. S. Finley, S. J. Hawkins, R. Lane, K. D. Bateman, and P. M. Graham, Executive Committee. Price of the paper is \$2.50 specie. All communications to be addressed to Rev. R. S. Finley. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-119

(John T. Moseley opens an academy at Hughes Springs.) (WTR 4/21/70)

70-120

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATION.--On Saturday the 31st instant, there will be a Sabbath School Celebration and a Picnick Dinner, at the Baptist Church in Jefferson. The members of the various Sabbath Schools are invited to participate in the celebration and dinner. A beautiful banner will be presented to Mrs. E. O. Kelley, in behalf of the Ladies of the Sabbath School, and received by George T. Todd, Esq., in behalf of the scholars. The affair will be very interesting and probably be the commencement of a series of refined entertainments that will impart fresh interest in our Jefferson Sunday Schools.

B. J. TERRY,

First Superintendent of B. S. S. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-121

HEROISM.--Mr. Patrick Gallagher, mate of the steamer Era No. 9, did an act yesterday at our wharf which deserves especial notice. One of the freedmen on the boat was rolling cotton and was thrown into the river by a sudden turn of the bale. The poor fellow had sunk twice, and was just going down the third time when the mate threw him a rope; but seeing that he must drown without assistance, he jumped into the river and saved him. Such an act convinces us that Mr. Gallagher's heart, like that of all Irishmen, is in the right place. It is a pleasure for us to record such acts. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-122

At a meeting of the Medical Association of this city, Drs. A. A. Terhune and A. P. Brown, were appointed to represent them at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association to convene at Washington, D. C., May 3d, 1870. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-123

#### DIED.

On the 15th instant, SAM HOSACK, infant son of Mr. J. W. and Mrs. GEORGIANA NIMMO, aged three months.

Mr. Nimmo, unfortunately is absent on a visit to New Orleans. The intelligence of the death of his little boy will fill him with sadness. We deeply sympathize with him and his afflicted wife. (WTR 4/21/70)

70-124

#### [From our Exchanges.]

The St. Louis Democrat of the 11th says: "Louis Flatau left New Orleans on the 7th, on the steamer R. E. Lee, for Louisville, where he will contract for a light draft sternwheel boat, for the New Orleans and Jefferson through trade, to be completed and made ready for business by the 1st of July. The dimensions of the new steamer are to be 175 feet long, 37 feet floor, 38 feet beam, 30 inches hold in the clear, and 16 inches rake, with two 14-inch cylinders 4 feet stroke. Flatau lives in Jefferson, Texas, and is a pilot." (SW 4/27/70)

70-125

#### [From our Exchanges.]

The Bayou is higher than it has been this season, and it continues to rise rapidly. It covers all the lower part of the wharf.... [Jefferson Times, 4th.] (SW 5/11/70)

70-126

The Daily Jefferson Times and Republican has been considerably enlarged. We congratulate it upon this evidence of prosperity. (SW 5/25/70)

70-127

IMPROVEMENT OF THE LAKE AND CYPRESS BAYOU.--The New Orleans Times, in commenting upon the lack of enterprise among the merchants of that city which has permitted one trade channel after another to be diverted elsewhere, goes on to say:



A struggle is now going on between St. Louis and New Orleans for the trade of Red River--a trade which the latter would never have had a competitor, except through the grossest mismanagement. It is therefore the bounden duty of the merchants of New Orleans, and all institutions interested in its commercial prosperity, to repair a fault but a year ago so threatening with serious consequences.

A feasible project has just been started in Jefferson, Texas, which furnishes one such opportunity. The Council of that city has just appropriated \$50,000 toward a fund designed to be used for the purchase of dredge boats and the subsequent dredging of Lake Caddo and Cypress Bayou, thus securing uninterrupted and safe navigation between Shreveport and Jefferson the entire year round. To carry out this project successfully, the sum needs to be doubled, and with that an appeal has been made to our merchants and insurance companies, which should be promptly and liberally responded to. It is useless for us to enlarge upon the benefits likely to accrue to our city by keeping this channel of navigation open permanently instead of at fitful seasons, since they must be apparent to every man in business. We are glad to note that so far the proposition has met with favor and encouragement, and have no doubt the entire fund required will be duly raised. (SW 5/25/70)

70-128

The Sunday school children of Jefferson had a picnic excursion on the 24th of May, aboard the Lotus No. 3. They were conveyed down the Bayou and disembarked under the shadow of the grand old trees fringing that stream, where they had a "nice time" generally. Capt. Dannals and the other officers of the Lotus are spoken of in terms of highest praise by the press of Jefferson for their care and attention to the little folks on the occasion. (SW 6/1/70)

70-129

We see from the Jefferson Times that Mr. T. M. Turner is about erecting in that place two fine brick stores. Mr. Turner many years ago did business in Shreveport; he and his partner, under the style of Turner & Scott, at one time occupying the frame storehouse on the corner of Texas and Market streets, now one of the oldest buildings in the place. (SW 6/22/70)

70-130

MODEST, VERY.--The Jimplecute's emulation has been excited by our Street Railway, and in urging the citizens of Jefferson to inaugurate a similar enterprise, it talks thusly:

We are much larger than Shreveport, in every sense of the expression, and in everything that goes to make up a city--with the *one* exception of navigation--(and in that we are very little behind), we are far her superior, and yet she has taken hold of this enterprise with that confidence which insures success, and if she can make a success of it, how much more so can we!

While we have at various times spoken in terms of praise of the enterprise of the citizens of Jefferson, evidenced, among many other ways, by the liberal patronage extended to its newspapers, we must say that if that place is "much larger than Shreveport," it has terribly outgrown its pantaloons for it ships less cotton. (SW 6/29/70)

70-131

The bayou has risen about two inches since our last report, and is now rising slowly. We have a fair stage of water for such boats as are now in this trade. There are no further accounts

from Red river. We do not have any apprehensions of an overflow. The weather is warm, just such as the farmers desire. The lice have generally disappeared from the cotton, and the young plant is doing finely. [Jefferson Times and Republican, 21st.] (SW 6/29/70)

70-132

We have had several days of beautiful sunshiny weather, which is making the crops look rich and green again. To-day is bright and very warm. Dr. Taylor informs us this morning that the worms are eating up the corn crops--commencing on the top of a stalk. This is a fearful pest, and we hope it is not a general one. The lice have injured the cotton to some extent, but we cannot tell how much. A few days of such sunshine as this will eradicate the last bug or insect--all of which have been generated by the heavy rains of the past month.

The bayou is still rising, and we are almost willing to indemnify against low water the balance of the summer. The reports from above justify us in promising the bayou to be "bank full" in a short time. [Jimplecute, 22nd.] (SW 6/29/70)

70-133

#### THE ST. LOUIS TRADE.

Capt E. W. Gould, agent of the Star Line of steamers, whose recent visit to this place we made mention of, has written a letter to a gentleman of St. Louis, which is published in the Democrat of the 30th ult. The captain says:

After canvassing among merchants and business men in this part of the country upon the subject of direct trade with St. Louis, I am satisfied that by a vigorous and well directed effort there will be no difficulty in securing a large and profitable trade ultimately, although it is not reasonable to suppose that any temporary or spasmodic effort will succeed in diverting a trade, so long established, from its original channel. The trade of this country, as you know, has always been monopolized by New Orleans. But the former mode of doing business is undergoing a change; and instead of cotton being shipped to New Orleans to be sold on account of the planter, to cover advances, it is now sold to merchants and speculators in Shreveport and Jefferson, in a great measure, although, of course, planters on the bank of the river still ship their cotton themselves as heretofore. (SW 7/13/70)

70-134

Hon. J. W. Johnson has been appointed Mayor of Jefferson, so the Times has been informed, which paper expresses the opinion that though a better selection could easily have been made, yet, so might a far worse one. (SW 7/13/70)

70-135

AT LAST.--Jefferson has at length got a steam fire engine. It cost \$10,000, and is claimed by the Times to be the finest machine "this side of New Orleans." That paper gives the following description: "The wheels are of iron, and every portion of the machinery seems to have been constructed with a view to strength and durability. It is designed to discharge 500 gallons of water per minute, is easily drawn, does fire duty through any line of hose under 3000 feet, has no valves or connecting rods, is very easy on hose and never fails to work. Dimensions--9 feet 3 inches high, 18 feet 6 inches long without, and 27 feet long with tongue, 6 feet 2 inches wide." (SW 7/13/70)

70-136

The moral atmosphere of Jefferson is certainly improving marvelously. We learn from the Times of the 5th that the membership of the Baptist Church in that place now numbers two hundred, nearly three times what it was before the commencement of the great revival. It also states that the revival meeting of the Methodist Church is still in progress and with undiminished interest.

Is there any hope "of a change of heart" in either of our contemporaries? We await a reply with painful interest and doubting minds. (SW 7/13/70)

70-137

MARRIED:

On the 14th inst., at the residence of Col. Claiborne, below the mouth of Red River, by Judge Boucheur, Capt. A. P. DUMAY to Miss MAGGIE SMITH, of Point Coupee parish.

The happy young couple came up on the Lotus No. 3, and will continue on to Jefferson. After caging his bird in that growing city, the lucky Captain will return and enter the Lake City in the Carolina Bluff trade, where, we hope, he will reap a reward commensurate with his deserts. Energetic and prompt in business before, he has now additional inducement for the exercise of those qualities. Success and happiness attend them. (SW 7/20/70)

70-138

SATURDAY, July 15.--At 9 last night Fleeta came into port from Jefferson, flying light. Capt. Barnes goes on to the city simply to get a crew. The few he has demand \$60 per month and have to be handled very tenderly lest they "jump." When in Jefferson it was a difficult matter to get hands to help unload at 50 cents an hour. (SW 7/20/70)

70-139

The four weeks' protracted Methodist meeting at Jefferson, resulted in sixty-five conversions, forty accessions to the Methodist church and twenty-six to the Cumberland Presbyterian church--so says the Home Advocate. (SW 8/3/70)

70-140

The Jefferson Times of the 26th says that in a few weeks, with proper aid from the corporation, the gas company will be prepared to light up that city. The street lamps of Shreveport are "lit up," but we cannot say as much for the streets. (SW 8/3/70)

70-141

A freedman in Jefferson was the other night severely whipped by a squad of negroes, and his comment was that it reminded him of "old times." (SW 8/3/70)

70-142

We are informed by J. M. Thomas, City Marshal, that Col. A. G. Malloy is now en route for this city, of which he is reported to have been appointed Mayor. [Jefferson Times.] (SW 8/17/70)

70-143

THE FIRE IN JEFFERSON.--We regret to announce that our sister city has again been visited by a destructive fire. It broke out at half-past one o'clock on Friday morning, though we have not learned the origin. A special dispatch from our friend, Collins, of the Jimplecute, gives the names of the sufferers.

We truly sympathize with these gentlemen, and moreover regret the injury inflicted upon the city. Though we occasionally indulge in a harmless fling at Jefferson, this is only to arouse the indignation of our Jimplecute confrere. We have, in truth, quite an admiration for the enterprise of her citizens. (SW 8/31/70)

70-144

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN JEFFERSON.

Special to the South-Western.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, August 26, 1870.

To the South-Western:

A fire broke out in the establishment of A. D. Tullis, this morning about two o'clock. The following establishments were burned out: Towers & Usery; Heilbron; Benners; Pitcher; Russell & Co.; Nichols; Bloomingdale; Tullis; Birge; Nichols & Co.; Lowenthal; Watchholder & Jacobs; Ney & Bro.; Britt & Motley; Stemlein; Eldridge & Bro.; Dodd and several small shops, watchmakers, &c. Loss two hundred thousand dollars; insured for one hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars; mostly by Cotton Bros. Steam fire engine did noble service--the city would have been burnt to the ground but for the same. Russell's building was occupied by Pitcher; Dodd; Nichols & Co. Five or six large new brick buildings burned.

COLLINS. (SW 8/31/70)

70-145

THE FIRE IN JEFFERSON.--The Jimplecute has the following in an article upon this subject.

The fire is generally believed to be the work of an incendiary, but we forbear further comments as the whole matter is bound to be sifted to the bottom, and "Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

One of our most eminent and experienced lawyers suggests that a Court of Inquiry be instituted, to be conducted with closed doors, and an obligation of secrecy be required of all connected therewith, that the innocent character may escape defamation, and the guilty be brought to justice.

The total loss is estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000; \$126,000 of this amount is covered by policies in good and responsible companies.

The following which was kindly furnished by Dr. C. H. McGill, is a list of the sufferers, the amount of their policies, and the Agents representing the Companies in which they are insured. The buildings were all new and brick:

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|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Towers & Usery,          | (Cotton Bros.) | \$ 5,000 |
| M. Heilborn,             | "              | 4,000    |
| Benners & Wife           | "              | 7,000    |
| C. L. Pitcher            | "              | 3,000    |
| Russell & Co. (building) | "              | 12,000   |

|                           |                      |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Nichols, Lewis & Anderson | "                    | 7,000                  |
| Bloomingtondale           | "                    | 8,000                  |
| A. D. Tullis              | "                    | 5,000                  |
| Birge, Nichols & Co.      | "                    | 10,000                 |
| C. Z. Lowenthal           | "                    | 4,000                  |
| Watchholder & Jacobs      | "                    | 6,000                  |
| Ney & Bro                 | "                    | <u>10,000</u>          |
|                           |                      | \$86,000               |
| Brite & Motley,           | C. H. McGill         | 5,000                  |
| Hunter & Co.              | New Orleans Company, | 20,000                 |
| Eldridge & Bro,           | "                    | 15,000                 |
| J. W. Dodd,               | "                    | <u>5,000</u>           |
|                           |                      | \$126,000 (SW 8/31/70) |

70-146

The ports on the lakes above here shipped about twenty-five hundred bales. (SW 9/7/70)

70-147

The colored population of Jefferson had a Fifteenth Amendment celebration on the 25th ultimo, but, according to the Jimplecute, no violent demonstrations were made. On the contrary the speeches of some of the colored orators were somewhat Democratic in tone. (SW 9/7/70)

70-148

The Jimplecute of the 31st says there was another alarm of fire in Jefferson on the Saturday night previous. It states that shavings were found concealed in the drawers of Mr. Schluter's former storehouse, and fire had been applied to the shavings, but fortunately the would-be incendiary or incendiaries closed the drawers a little too tight, and the city escaped by a hair's breadth another distressing devastation by fire. (SW 9/7/70)

70-149

We are gratified to learn from the Harrison Flag that Capt. R. H. Martin, well-known on Red River, from source to mouth, has been appointed mayor of Marshall. Our only regret is that the office is not a more lucrative one. (SW 9/21/70)

70-150

THURSDAY, Sept. 16.--In the afternoon the Flirt came down from Jefferson, having been delayed in discharging her heavy freight by lack of hands. (SW 9/21/70)

70-151

J. W. Speake, of the commercial firm of Speake & Buckner, New Orleans, died in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 14th instant. (SW 9/28/70)

70-152

#### THE POISONING CASE AT RUSK

Our readers will remember that we recently republished from the Rusk Observer an article charging that suspicion pointed to J. W. Johnson, of Jefferson, as the poisoner of a woman named Lula Reynolds, in whose company he was traveling from Austin to Jefferson. A lengthy report of the case is published in the Observer, which conclusively shows that the woman died from the effect of arsenic, a solution of which mineral was carried by her in a bottle. This preparation she said Capt. Johnson had directed or requested her to take....

She died on the 29th of August. Whether Johnson is responsible for her death, or whether it was a case of suicide cannot be positively known. Johnson is a man of family, and is the Radical member of the Texas Legislature from Marion county.... (SW 10/12/70)

70-153

The citizens of Jefferson are walking in the light of civilization reflected by gas. (SW 10/19/70)

70-154

The machine shop and planing machine of Messrs. Trice & Stewart, situated on Dallas street, Jefferson, was lately entirely consumed by fire, and a hundred thousand feet of lumber shared the same fate. No insurance. (SW 10/19/70)

70-155

We are in receipt of the first number of a new daily paper, established in Jefferson, by Messrs. James & Houston. It is handsomely printed, and bears evidence of both mechanical and editorial ability. It is Democratic in name and in politics. We predict for the Jefferson Democrat a useful and prosperous career. (SW 10/19/70)

70-156

KILLING.--We learn that a difficulty occurred at Mt. Pleasant on the 5th inst., between Mr. Barnett Cherry and a Mr. Robinson. One informant states that Cherry drew a pistol and Robinson a knife. Cherry's pistol missed fire, when Robinson's son shot Cherry, killing him. We have no further particulars.

We are also pained to learn that on Friday or Saturday last Mr. John Huett killed Mr. A. G. Scoggins, well known in this city and Marshall, but, as in the other case, have heard no particulars. [Jefferson Times, 8th inst.] (SW 10/19/70)

70-157

Central Asia issues a newspaper called the Turkictonsja Vjedemostt. Why didn't they name it the Jimplecute and be done with it? (SW 10/26/70)

70-158

The genuine Dr. Jones is now practicing at the Haywood House, in Jefferson, Texas, where he will remain until Dec. 30th. Dr. J. straightens cross eyes, cures all diseases of the eye, ear, throat and nose, catarrh, etc. He is a graduate of the best medical colleges of Europe and

America. The person who was in Shreveport last summer, under the assumed name of Dr. Jones, was an impostor. (SW 11/30/70)

70-159

AN ACCIDENT.--Mr. Joe Williams, a young man of this city, had the misfortune to lose his right arm on Sunday last. He went out on a hunting and fishing excursion. By the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of one of the party, the load entered his arm shattering it, and requiring amputation, which was successfully performed by Drs. Eagan and Hervey. He is a good tinner, sketcher and designer. [Jefferson Times.] (SW 11/30/70)

70-160

Bishop Gregg will be at Hallville on the 22d instant, in Jefferson on Sunday, the 27th, and in Marshall on Sunday, December 4. His hosts of friends and admirers in this locality will look forward to his visit with the greatest pleasure. [Jefferson Times.] (SW 11/30/70)

70-161

C. W. NOYES' GREAT CRESCENT CITY CIRCUS!--The St. Louis Times, speaking of this world renowned circus, says:

The procession, over one-half mile in length, led by a magnificent golden chariot, entered the city at half-past 11 o'clock a. m. on yesterday, and paraded the principal streets, Prof. Voigt's opera band of New Orleans furnishing the music.

The grounds are located on Washington avenue; although spacious for ordinary exhibitions, it is with difficulty that the tents of the company are erected. There are ten tents in number including those for the accommodation of their horses and people, giving the grounds the appearance of a canvas city. Although it is by far the largest amount of cotton ever erected in this wise in our city. The whole number of tents are entirely new and clean, giving an air of cheerfulness and comfort to the grounds. Among the rival and interesting features of the outside is the queer little portable Hotel de Noyes that boards and lodges seventy of one hundred and fifty people belonging to the concentration. Then perhaps equally interesting are the stables that accommodate one hundred and ninety horses that are used in conveying the vast concern from place to place.

The performances of the afternoon gave great satisfaction to a very select audience, and fully advertised the establishment for the night entertainment, which was, without doubt, the largest and finest audience that ever assembled in St. Louis at any given entertainment in the history of the city. Everything passed off delightfully. There is not a bad, or even ordinary act in the show, while many are startling and astonishing. We did not intend to speak in detail of the entertainment, but intend leaving that for another time. Yet we must refer to the daring horsemanship of Wooda Cook and Robert Johnson, the trapeze act of Millie Turnour, the very exquisite acts of Conrad and his talented sons, together with the unapproachable and indescribable feats with his dogs. In addition to these, Prof. Nash, with his magnificent trained elephant, Jenny Lind, and the daring Mr. William Winner in a den of lions, complete a series of performances that we believe will be seldom seen in St. Louis.

We do not believe that Charlie Noyes has been overrated as a manager.

So far the first day has passed over without a jar, our community, as it were, taking example from the show people, or vice versa, and each behaved with the utmost respect, as if

vieing with each other in an exhibition of regard to the laws of the city and State as well as the rules of social order. We commend Messrs. Van Amburg & Co. and Mr. Charles W. Noyes to the people of the South. The enterprise of pushing so large an establishment through the South is one not likely to be undertaken by any person of less energy and force of character than Charles Noyes, even if such establishments were plenty. Therefore accept this opportunity as a rare one for your instruction and amusement. (SW 12/14/70)

70-162

JEFFERSON AHEAD.--Dr. R. E. Rowell is preparing a skating rink in Jefferson. The building is to be fifty by a hundred feet, and will be in running order in time for the Christmas holidays. Go ahead, hardheads, and see what you come to. (SW 12/21/70)

70-163

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.--The other day we stated that Jefferson was ahead of Shreveport in having a skating rink. This assertion must be retracted. The Jefferson affair will not open until Christmas, whereas, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Mr. J. L. Able will open a rink here in a few days, having secured the fine room over Messrs. W. H. Elstner & Co's grocery store on the levee. Although this will prove a hard season on amusements, because of the great scarcity of money, yet we anticipate that the attractions of a skating rink will induce the young people to patronize it. This is a harmless and health-imparting exercise, and it has been a standing complaint against our ladies that they lead such sedentary lives that they become old women at forty, an age when an English woman is considered almost in her maidenhood. There the term "lassie" applied to a female of thirty would not excite so much mirth as with us.

Many of our readers may not know exactly what a skating rink is. Roller skates are so ingeniously constructed that when fastened to the foot they can be easily steered by the motion of the body, and carry the "skater" rapidly over a smooth floor. Thus, science has so contrived it that a person can enjoy a winter's sport in the hottest day of August; nor is there so much danger of damaging the back of the head, or any other region, in case of stooping to avoid risk of the first named disaster. (SW 12/21/70)

70-164

AN AFFRAY.--A personal rencontre occurred on Monday, in the store house of Birge, Nichols & Co., on Austin street, between Mr. John T. Veal and Mr. G. M. Smith, lately one of the principals of a school in this place. The attack was made by the latter. Ten or twelve persons were in the store at the time, but of course they got out as soon as possible, not desiring to risk the chances of being shot even by accident. It is therefore somewhat difficult to get full particulars. After the first fire, Mr. Birge seized Mr. Smith when Mr. Veal told him to get out of the way, as he had no desire to hurt him. Both parties advanced. Two or three shots were exchanged, when Mr. Smith, placing the muzzle of his pistol to Mr. Veal's head drew the trigger, but his pistol hung fire. Mr. Veal then stabbed him with a bowie knife, inflicting a severe, and it is believed, a fatal wound. The cause of the difficulty, it is unnecessary to mention. The affair will undergo judicial investigation. The testimony, we feel assured, will acquit Mr. Veal. [Jefferson Times, 13th.] (SW 12/21/70)



70-165

THE GREAT CIRCUS.--C. W. Noyes' circus, combined with Van Amburg's menagerie, has given three exhibitions here which, considering the inclement weather and the mud, have been well attended. There are several features in this circus peculiar to it, and it undeniably excels anything of the kind that has passed through this region for many a day. Traveling by boat, the horses are kept sleek and in good order, adding much to the general effect. The riding is excellent, and the trapeze performance of Mille Tournoir approaches the marvelous. There are many other attractions, which to be appreciated must be seen. (SW 12/21/70)

70-166

NOYES' CRESCENT CITY CIRCUS AND THE VAN AMBURGH SHOW.--Instead of diminishing in numbers the audiences increase at each exhibition of this establishment, which is good evidence that it is well worthy of patronage. The first night there were over three thousand people in attendance, and yesterday afternoon the largest and finest audience that ever assembled in St. Louis was in attendance. That there is one exhibition in America that ladies and children can safely attend without male escort, is demonstrated to a certainty by C. W. Noyes and Van Amburg & Co., and yesterday hundreds of the most elegant and refined of our city quietly enjoyed the fine performance. The scene inside the pavilion yesterday was brilliant and beautiful in the extreme--the varied hues of the elegant costumes of the ladies and children, combined with the gorgeous trappings and costumes of the arena, presented a scene of Oriental beauty, which was rich and dazzling almost beyond description.

Last evening the large tent was again filled to overflowing, but notwithstanding the immense crowd, under the efficient management of those who have charge of the "inside," all was orderly, and nothing occurred to offend any one. Of the performance it is unnecessary to speak at length. It was excellent from the "grand tournament" to the closing out of the Ku Klux Klan. The programme is materially changed each evening, among the new acts, last night, being a daring trapeze performance by M'lle. Turnour, who executed very difficult feats with a grace and rapidity which called forth hearty approbation. The Conrad family are not advertised, having recently joined the establishment, to which they are a valuable acquisition. The six wits perpetrated new jokes and told fresh stories, giving the audience a full meal of that very desirable article, "fun without vulgarity."

To-night the last performance of the "Mammoth Show" will be given in this city, and we anticipate an overwhelming audience. Several new feats will be introduced by the graceful athletes. [St. Louis Times.] (SW 12/21/70)

70-167

The Jefferson merchants are opposed to the Red river packet company. The Herald says: We have conversed with several of our merchants in relation to this matter, and they authorize us to say that they denounce such a scheme and will not aid or sustain any such a combination policy. (SW 12/28/70)